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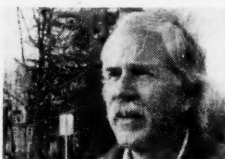
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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Santa Claus is comin' — It didn't look, or even feel a whole lot like a New England Christmas on Sunday, but Santa arrived anyway, thanks to the Andover Fire Department. Sunday's Sanata Parade drew capacity crowds on Main Street.

More plant protests

Energy crisis

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Residents of Andover and Methuen, which both border a proposed power plant in Dracut, declared this week that the kind of energy they want is the kind spent researching the project's potential environmental threats.

At a meeting Monday, hosted by state environmental officials and the project developers, Constellation Power Development Inc., more than 160 residents, many from Andover, and elected officials turned out at the American Legion hall in Dracut. Their major concern was potential air pollution and heavy water usage.

According to engineers, the 750-megawatt, natural-gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant would produce much less pollution than oil- or coal-burning power plants now operating in the state.

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Quakers seek a quieter Christmas

In simple celebration

By Neil Fater

In a world where people fight over Furby, that talking-toy Gremlin wannabe, how do you simplify Christmas? That's a question local Quakers plan to ponder both Sunday and throughout the holiday season.

Yes, Virginia, there are still Quakers. In fact, there are about 10,000 living in New England, say local Quakers, and

about a dozen of them meet Sundays at 10 a.m. at the SHED building off Phillips Street.

Perhaps because some residents only know Quakers as "the oatmeal people," the Andover Quakers attending last Sunday's meeting seemed to have a good sense of humor about how they are viewed.

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Photo by Carol Van Doren

Victory kiss — Terri-Anne McGettrick, women's division winner of the Feaster Five, gets a reward from husband, Steve. More photos, results on Page 44-47.

Political stirrings

By Neil Fater

Whether or not Selectmen Chairman Bill Downs decides to run for reelection in 1999, some Andover residents may notice a familiar name on the March ballot.

That's because Mary French, a 29-year school department employee, and Ted Teichert, the president of the

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High lights — The Brickstone Square Christmas tree shines with 30,000 lights after a lighting ceremony Sunday night.

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Homecoming — Father Christopher Makiej is back from Pennsylvania, and is the new priest at the St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover.

A new spiritual home

As the St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church celebrates its tenth anniversary of "Thyranoixa," or the opening of its doors, a new spiritual leader will greet the congregation.

Father Christopher Makiej arrived in Andover in June, and plans to make this church his spiritual home for a long while.

A native of Lowell, now residing in Methuen, Makiej (pronounced Mackey) returned to New England from serving as assistant priest at a Pennsylvania Greek Orthodox Church for five years.

"It was a great homecoming," he says.

The congregation, which originated in Lawrence and moved to Andover 10 years ago, now includes more than 320 families, many like his own, with young children.

Makiej and his wife Katerina have a four-month-old son, Nicholas.

Makiej has developed several new programs for his congregation, many including youth activities for a young and growing congregation, but he encourages people to come to church no matter where they are in their lives.

"Don't wait 10 years to have that furnished home or to arrive

in your career. We need to be grounded in faith from the beginning," Makiej says.

New programs include a Bible study group for teens aged 13-18, a men's group, a weekly Bible study and Orthodox Instruction forum, and a hopping young adult and couples group fond of potluck gatherings.

Among the social and divine gatherings are Greek school classes in modern Greek and the GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth Association) youth group.

The challenge for a young man in a young congregation, he says, is to bring modern relevance to a religion with 1,500 years of history.

The liturgy, once spoken entirely in ancient Greek, is now spoken in about half English, he says.

While Greek chants have always been particularly spiritual for him, Makiej says he has found that English adaptations make it easier for congregants to relate to the liturgy.

He estimates that 40 percent of the congregation speaks modern Greek, and while some of the language may have changed, Makiej says he aims to create understanding, rather than change.

Greek Orthodox priests can

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NEWS IN BRIEF

A senior center hearing

The Council on Aging will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., in Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, adjacent to the current Senior Center, to discuss the proposed new senior center.

For the past year, the Council on Aging (COA), Design Selection Team (DST) and Senior Center Building Committee (SCBC) have developed a space-needs plan, analyzed potential sites, developed preliminary architectural plans, studied lease vs. ownership issues and reviewed funding options.

The COA is seeking further public input before making its final recommendation later this month to the town manager and Board of Selectmen.

For more information or to request transportation to the hearing, call Dorothy Bresnahan at 475-2347 or Jeanne Madden at 623-8321.

New traffic lights now in place

Traffic lights were recently installed at the intersection of Gould Road and Route 125.

State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) says the lights were established in response to the high number of accidents and close calls as well as people trying to cut into the Route 125 traffic at rush hour from side roads, he said.

"This is just the beginning. There will be many more changes along Route 125 in order to ensure a safer road to travel on," said Finegold. "Kevin Sullivan, commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department, has been very helpful throughout this project, and I look forward to continue working with him to finish the job and make Route 125 a safer place to travel."

Title V seminar set

A public seminar on Title V, the Massachusetts regulations with regards to septic systems and their inspec-

tions/remediations and requirements will be held Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference hall at Memorial Hall Library.

Residents may call Dan Tremblay, R.S., Andover health officer, at 623-8298 between 8 and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday for more information.

Navy ship photos

The U.S. Naval Institute in Annapolis, Md., has available color and black-and-white 8-by-10-inch photos of most Navy ships from World War II to the present. These photos cost \$21 for color,

\$14 for black and white. Most photos come with a brief history of the ship. To order, call John Doherty at the Andover Veterans Services Office at 623-8218, or write/call: U.S. Naval Institute, Photo Service, 118 Maryland Ave., Annapolis, MD 21042; (410) 268-6110.

Specify the ship's full name and number, if known.

The Naval Historical Center Web site has an exhaustive collection of Naval history since the Revolutionary War, including photos which can be downloaded. The Web site address is www.history.navy.mil/nhc3.htm

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, December 3

School Committee, third-floor, School Administration Building, School Improvement Plans reports, elementary schools, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, regular hearings, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Cable TV Advisory Committee, second-floor staff lounge, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness, Old Town Hall, 20 Main Street, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberations, Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, December 7

Board of Selectmen, regular meet-

ing, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7-7:30 p.m.

Joint meeting of Board of Selectmen and School Committee, third floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8

School Committee, third floor, School Administration Building, School Improvement Plans reports, middle schools and high school, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 10

After School Youth Program Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, 6 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

'There's a concern students will despair... and rather than fail and not graduate, they'll drop out."

Andover High English teacher Chuck Wettergreen, warning that the when MCAS tests are required for graduation, they might increase school dropouts.

'There's no vision."

Selectman Lori Becker, on the talk but slow action on new athletic fields at Recreation Park.

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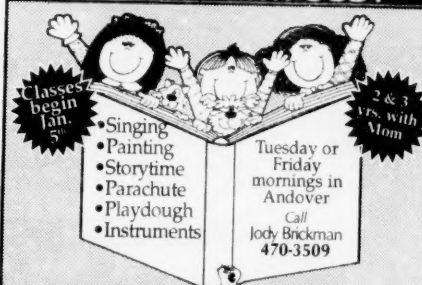
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trace their ordination back to the apostles, a lineage Makiej says he finds as an important connection to Christ. He also finds comfort in the solid, unchanging history of the religion in a very changing world.

The son of a Greek Orthodox mother and a Polish father who eventually converted to Greek Orthodox, Makiej grew up in the Greek Orthodox church, and never strayed far.

He did work in marketing and sales briefly. "But I was unfulfilled. Then I realized God was calling me to market the Gospel," he says with a smile.

He earned his masters of theology at Holy Cross, where he met his wife who, he reluctantly adds is a former Miss Pennsylvania. Before attending Holy Cross, he studied at the University of Lowell at Massachusetts and Hellenic College in Brookline.

Makiej says there was no single influence that drew him to the church, but a positive experience with it throughout his life.

However he did name a singular influence in his spiritual life. Father John Sarantos, now retired from the Transfiguration Greek Orthodox

Church in Lowell served as a spiritual mentor for Makiej, who describes him as "pious," and "a magnificent liturgist."

"He's a very spiritual, prayerful man. When he celebrated God's love, it made you feel special and loved. He really reflected Christ's life of love," Makiej says.

Makiej has been sensitive to God's love since childhood. He especially remembers hearing the Greek hymns as a child, like his favorite Hymn of the Angels, reminding him "there was a strong feeling that God was really worshiped here," he says.

But the experience was never limited to that, he says, and goes on to describe the way the Greek Orthodox liturgy involves all five senses.

As the ancient Greek hymns lend a special spirituality to the audible service, making the sign of the cross, bowing down to touch one's head to the floor or kissing an icon invokes the sense of touch, Makiej says.

The visions of God are not in four white walls, but in the mosaics, the vestments, the gilded Gospel book, he says.

The smell of incense rising, symbolic of the journey of a prayer rising to God's ears in Heaven, and the taste of the Holy Bread as the body and blood of Christ, all contribute to complete spiritual experience, Makiej

says.

"Really the whole person is engaged in worship," he says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

The taxman giveth

Most people may not think of the Internal Revenue Service and Santa Claus in the same breath, but the federal tax agency is sounding a lot like it's in the holiday spirit.

Not that it's actually giving money away. The letter from the IRS to area newspapers this week was about refunds that were returned. In other words, you overpaid them, and they owe you some money back.

But the agency says 1,725 checks, with a combined value of more than \$1.13 million — an average of about \$657 — were undeliverable because of an incorrect name and address, or because taxpayers moved and didn't give the IRS their new address.

According to the agency, the following local residents can contact Santa... uh, the IRS, at (800) 829-3676 to claim their refund: Leah A. Carl, Tara E. Donnelly, Diana Dresser, Florence S. Flavel, Laura J. Hoyt, Detlef M. and Cathy Schoeppler, Brian R. Serpone, Erin Sullivan and John Derek Williams.

The IRS also hopes those who change their address will file Form

8822. You can get the form either by calling that same number, or by downloading it from the IRS Web site at www.irs.ustreas.gov

Andover doc treats Michael J. Fox

While many people attempt to get inside the brain of a celebrity, one skilled Andover resident managed to do it, even if under unfortunate circumstances.

Dr. Bruce R. Cook, 45, of Andover, a neurosurgeon at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, operated on actor Michael J. Fox last March to alleviate symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Word of the surgery just became public last week, when Fox went public with his disease.

Cook performed a thalimotomy, which includes locating and cauterizing misfiring cells.

Cook did not respond to numerous requests for comment, but has said that in such operations, the margin for error is very slim. Straying from a target point a small amount in different directions could cause paralysis or permanently slurred speech.

Cook also said he hasn't been a seeker of celebrity patients like some of his fellow students in medical school, but hopes Fox's celebrity status will help raise awareness for the benefit of other Parkinson's patients.

Parkinson's is a neurological disorder that affects nerve pathways.

Fox, 37, who has starred as Alex P. Keaton in the television show Family Ties, in movies like Back to the Future and in a new television series Spin City, may seem like one in a million, but Parkinson's strikes one in 200 people, usually later in life.

Symptoms are muscle tremors, stiffening and weakening of joints, slow movement and an unbalanced gait.

While there is no cure, symptoms are treated through drug therapies and surgery like thalimotomy or, more recently, pallidotomy, both of which have a 90-percent success rate.

An interview with Dr. Cook on the procedure, conducted by Barbara Walters of 20/20 is scheduled to air Dec. 4.

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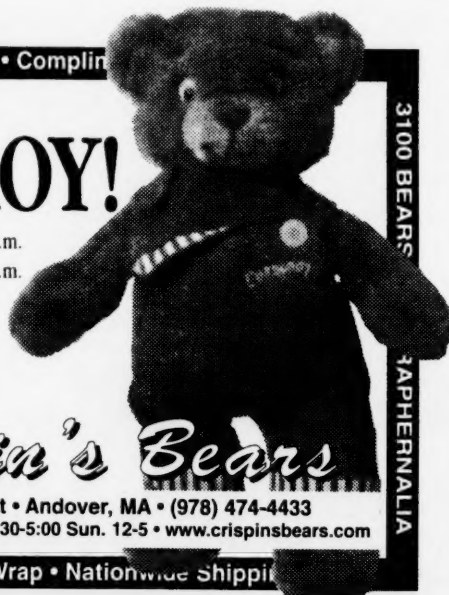
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Quakers ...

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"When you tell people you're a Quaker you hear two things. Either, 'I thought you were all dead,' or 'Can you have sex?'" says Alex Radocchia-Carlson, who grew up in the Andover Quaker community.

"Or they ask, 'Where's your hat?'" says Janice Cook.

"There are still textbooks that say, 'All Quakers are dead,'" says Shearman Taber, who normally attends the Wellesley meeting. "I'm serious. My kids had one."

But Quakers are alive and well — and trying to live spiritually well. In general, they believe in speaking simply, worshiping simply, and living simply. And at this time of year, some focus on celebrating Christmas simply.

Jane Griswold, of Woodland Road, and her family recently talked about how to do this.

"We decided it's difficult. You start with something you can handle, and see what happens," says Griswold. "We certainly aren't talking about not having fun. We're not talking about not having presents to open Christmas morning."

But they are talking about "keeping things more laid-back," says Eric Radocchia-Carlson, Griswold's son-in-law.

Radocchia-Carlson says he will not stick the kids on his list with socks, but won't go crazy looking for the last Rugrat either. If a kid he knows likes science fiction, he won't get them every Star Wars action figure ever created, but he might get them a science fiction book they can read, he says.

He says when he was younger he wanted and searched for expensive presents because he wasn't happy with his home life.

"When I have a sense of belonging, and fulfillment of love and light in my life, and am surrounded by family... I don't find that I want all of these

things," says Radocchia-Carlson. "I think I wanted all those things as a kid because I wanted to fill this big void."

Simple ideas

But in a town like Andover, which finds it so important to be home of "the nation's tallest" Christmas tree, one might think that celebrating simply could pose a problem.

After all, at the center of the Andover Christmas is a tree that attracts thousands, is more than twice the size of the White House tree and holds 30,000 colored lights. One press release about the tree proudly claims it's the "one tree that stands out above all the others, that outshines out-does and out-shadows any other Christmas tree in the country."

Also, a town this wealthy tends to have some people who get involved in a bit of one-up-manship over giving the best presents.

So how can Andover people simplify?

Well, it's not as if the Quakers have one set rule to follow, either toward Christmas or life in general.

"We do everything by committee. Nobody says, 'These are the rules. Live with it!'" says Alex Radocchia-Carlson.

Quakers do not have a minister to lead them. Because they believe God is in everyone, they rely on themselves and each other, they say.

But this view leads Taber to say, "Ask 10 Quakers a question, and you'll get 11 opinions."

At Sunday's meeting there was a Quaker wearing a sports jacket and another sporting a nose ring. Clearly, there were a variety of opinions in the room, too.

Some Quakers keep Christmas trees and some don't. Some like fruit cake and some quake at its mere mention.

But the key to most of the Quaker quandaries, it seems, is doing things with other people, instead of collecting things because of other people.

Esther Parson, of Andover, says one of her

favorite Christmas memories was when the family would gather around to listen to one of them read the Bible, or another Christmas story.

Doug and Ann Armstrong, normally of the Wellesley meeting, say their family does the same thing with *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

"Some of it comes down to the rituals you build into Christmas," says Ann Armstrong.

Armstrong says when she was younger, her father died, and her extended family had limited income.

"We had almost no money for Christmas. That was the year we started this wonderful tradition: Everyone gets one present," she says.


So everyone in the family got together and decided with what one gift they would surprise each family member.

"You could see what fun that would be. To consult and be in cahoots and know what the person is getting," says Griswold. "When you open the present, that's a really warm feeling that all those people care about you."

Silent meeting, holy meeting

Quakers say they also get a warm feeling out of their weekly meeting, even though they may not say a word the entire time.

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"I'm still talking with people, and expect to make a decision next week," says French.

French, a special needs teacher at Bancroft and Sanborn early in her career, spent her last 13 years as Andover's pupil personnel director before retiring in 1997.

Teichert says he'll make his decision by the end of the month. But before he takes out papers, the Methuen resident will have to finish his planned move to Andover.

Downs says both people have approached him about their possible runs. Downs' seat is the only one up for election in March.

"I respect him for what he's done," says Teichert, but he says Downs' deci-



Mary French



Ted Teichert

sion will probably not affect his own.

Although Teichert says building more playing fields would be only one issue in his possible campaign, he says he would focus on that issue if he runs for office.

"I've been big into youth sports. I ran the youth football league in town," he says. "I'd like to see more fields for Little League and soccer and football, as well. There's always other issues that

come up that seem more pressing than the playing fields."

As for Downs, he has yet to make up his mind about whether he'll try for another three-year term. The former fire chief has been a selectman since 1987, and three years ago ran unopposed.

"I haven't decided yet. One day I say, 'Yes.' One day I say, 'No.' Some days I change my mind 10 times," he says. "There's a rumor around that I'm not running. I don't know where it came from."

"I weigh all the pros and cons. I'm getting old. Sometimes I figure I've had enough. I get tired of banging my head against the wall," he says.

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Some secret minutes going public

By Neil Fater

Like the Andover High School construction project itself, secret information about the project is being released slowly.

Although selectman Monday finally released the notes taken during 15 private sessions regarding the trouble project, about five more secret-meeting minutes remain hidden from public scrutiny, says Selectmen Chairman Bill Downs.

"There's some groups that we haven't released yet. We have to go over those," says Downs. "There are some others."

Selectmen are allowed to keep meetings secret if they deal with litigation, such as that which occurred on the Andover High project among the architect, the contractor and the town.

Those minutes that are still secret are being sent to the state supervisor of public records, who will rule on whether those also must be

made public.

Asked if these minutes would definitely be released if the supervisor makes that determination, Town Counsel Tom Urbelis says, "They'll give us their opinion."

Does this mean that Andover might seek to appeal a Boston decision?

"Yeah," says Urbelis, indicating that's only a possibility. "We've never crossed that bridge."

Although it appeared the town, the architect and the contractor reached an out-of-court settlement in June, selectmen more recently indicated they fear the architect may come back with another law suit. They say that's why they're keeping the minutes secret. They fear the architect might sue because information was leaked saying it would have to pay \$800,000 to the contractor, Stone-Congress.

Quakers ...

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Quakers believe they have a lot to learn from each other.

"Each of us can directly know God. That's why we don't have any ministers," says Griswold. "We are mystics. We are, together, in the presence of God. Knowing that, we treat each other that way. That's where we begin."

"You can pray and meditate all you want, but corporate prayer is different," she says. "You get new insight, different insight. One person may see one piece and someone else may see another. It completes the sentence."

"In coming together we don't get lost in these individual understandings," says Doug Armstrong.

Although Quakers sit in silence, praying together, for much of their hour-long weekly meetings, they are allowed to speak if the urge strikes them. But that doesn't happen often.

So, when do Quakers decide to speak? According to them, they try to do it only when they have to.

"I don't even speak if I don't shake. The times that I have spoken like that have been a mistake," says Griswold, after the meeting.

"Somehow, you can't not say it," says Ralph Gentile, of Pine Street.

To introduce people to Quaker Meeting, the Andover Quakers will have a "First Day School" for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, before their regular meeting at 10 a.m. They plan to continue discussing how to simplify Christmas and live simply.

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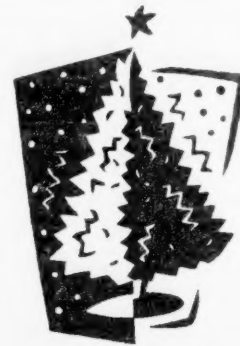
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Power plant planning

Word of a proposed 750-megawatt power plant in Dracut, just across the Merrimack River from Andover, took much of this town and another neighbor, Methuen, by surprise a couple of weeks ago.

The reaction from most residents, especially those tucked up against this side of the river, is understandable. With a couple of trash incinerators and the intersection of two major highways (featuring attendant auto exhaust) already fouling the air, the last thing the region needs is another couple of smokestacks.

But as the opposition gets into gear, as petitions start flying from neighborhood to neighborhood, as the calls to the Statehouse start burning off the ears of local legislators, it would be wise to think the matter through soberly, and to focus on the best way to use all the energy now aimed at blocking, or at least delaying, this plant.

If opponents hope to be successful, it would probably be wise not to paint it as an environmental disaster all by itself.

After all, it would operate with the most modern technology and one of the cleanest fuels (natural gas) available. As proponents have noted, it would emit only about a hundredth of the amount of pollution now spewing from some existing plants.

Second, it is proposed at a site that is specifically zoned for it, and it appears to have at least general support from the host community.

Third, the developers already know that they will have to pay to reduce emissions at other plants in the state, if they want to build this one.

However, where it may be vulnerable is in the area raised by Andover's Director of Public Health (and Dracut resident) Everett Penney, who argues that power plant emissions shouldn't be considered in isolation. After all, he notes, it is the cumulative effect of pollution from a number of sources that affects public health.

There are disturbing indications that those cumulative effects are already present, in breast cancer rates and high levels of childhood asthma.

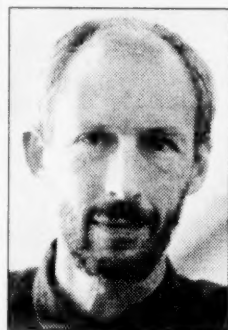
State environmental officials have the discretion to consider those cumulative effects. And that is the emphasis that should be put on the scrutiny of this proposed plant.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

The marshal — Retired firefighter Ernie Fluet and his wife, Rita, wave to the crowds as they lead Sunday's Santa Parade through the downtown. Spectators packed the sidewalks for the annual event.

How about the gift of time at Christmas?



Taylor Armerding

It's not that I don't believe, at least to some extent, in the value of consumption to keep the American economy strong and the stock market soaring ever higher.

After all, if we don't consume, then the people who spend the year in an orgy of production won't bother advertising at Christmas time to try to attract us all, and an absence of advertising, especially in newspapers, is a concept too horrible for a newspaper person to contemplate.

Nor do I minimize the value of giving. I memorized an ancient recorded version of *A Christmas Carol*, starring Lionel Barrymore, when I was a kid, and carried with me the lesson of how the spirit of giving turned the old miser from a humbug into the magnanimous savior of Tiny Tim.

But in spite of all that, I can't help being alarmed at the stories over the weekend about the near riots that erupted over the season's hot new toy — the Furby doll.

At a Wal-Mart not too far from here,

about 500 people stayed up all night, and then started to get out of control when they found out that the store had only 30 of the fuzzy, softball-sized toys. Good thing a few cops were there to maintain order. At another store, grown men and women were wrestling in the aisles, and snatching them out of shopping carts.

Of course, it was all for the kids. That's used to justify almost anything. As one father explained, this was the one thing — the only thing — that each of his three children had said they wanted for Christmas. "You want to fulfill all their wishes," he said.

Hard to argue with that kind of dedication. What a dad, to stay up all night just to get the kids the one toy they really, really want for Christmas.

But having been a kid, and now a dad, I doubt that this is the thing the kids will remember 20, 10 or even five years from now. I doubt that this display of dedication will be a defining moment in their lives. I doubt that it will matter much at all, even one year from now or less.

Why? It's not all that complicated. This craze is over a thing. It has little or nothing to do with a relationship.

The kid in me started to learn that lesson around the age of 5. We were quite poor, although the kid wasn't all that aware of economic disparities at the time. What the kid knew was that he wanted a scooter. He had seen a couple of friends with them, and was

as convinced as a 5-year-old could be that this was what he needed to make his life complete.

His parents normally didn't buy anything that wasn't absolutely necessary, but somehow, over what seemed like an interminable amount of time, he wore his mother down, and she bought it.

He was so shocked, he didn't quite know how to react, except he recalls thinking he would never want anything else again.

And what shocked him even more was how rapidly that vision of eternal happiness was punctured. The scooter certainly looked like it should go like the wind, but for some reason, it took hard, serious effort to make it go only about half as fast as he could run. Instead of gliding effortlessly down the street, he was panting at the end of one block. He felt like he was carrying the scooter, when it was supposed to be the other way around.

He didn't dare mention this to his mother. But she probably got the idea when it started to gather dust in a corner of the garage. She suggested a few times that he go out and play with it, but was sympathetic and understanding enough to never rub in his face how stupid he had been.

Now, from decades later, he still appreciates the kindness of his mother, for whom \$5 to buy a scooter was a very big deal. But it has next to nothing to do with Christmas.

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Letters

Who's getting personal?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Having a battle of wits with a liberal is like shooting an unarmed man, however, Marc D'Agostino has left me no choice. As a wise man once said, anyone under 21 who is not a liberal has no heart and anyone over 21 who is not a conservative has no brain.

Since Mr. D'Agostino is only 18 and has just suffered 12 years of public-school liberal brainwashing, I suppose one can expect no more from him.

This self-proclaimed logician makes his initial error in assuming that I am a Republican. In fact, I am not. While I have very little use for either of the two major political parties, I have significantly less use for his favorite group of hacks, the Democrats.

Perhaps if Mr. D'Agostino will reflect upon the actions of the Democrats, who are now falling over themselves to make excuses for the philanderer-in-chief, he will find sufficient reason to rethink his stunted position.

Mr. D'Agostino decries the "tawdry personal attacks" of the "Republicans." I wonder, what does this "thinker" consider his letter to the *Townsmen* to be ("Intolerant Republicans also unintelligent," *Townsmen*, Nov. 25)? Lacking the ability to reason, the typical liberal prefers to call his opponent a homophobe or bigot. Mr. D'Agostino is no exception to this rule. I refuse to be put on the offensive by such simple-minded tactics.

As far as his gun phobia is concerned, I suggest that Mr. D'Agostino place a large sign on his front door proclaiming to the world that he is against the right of anyone to own a gun and that he is proud that his house is weapon-free.

It is truly sad that a once great country has been reduced to producing the crop of mental midgets who currently inhabit Washington D.C., and the institutions of "higher learning."

Gary R. Streeter
35 William St.

Let up on the personal attacks

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I have just read the letter to the editor by Hampshire College student Marc D'Agostino referencing an earlier letter written by Gary Streeter regarding voting patterns for Democrats in Massachusetts.

I have lived in Andover for 15 years, and I have never seen such an angry and personally disrespectful letter in this paper from any citizen.

I do not know either party, and as a registered independent, I do not belong to either political party discussed by the writers. Mr. D'Agostino fails to realize that diversity and tolerance is a concept not just limited to skin color and ethnicity, but is one also of diversity and tolerance for ideas.

Most people, and I include both previous writers, I am confident are decent

No tolerance for zero tolerance

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I read with chagrin that our new Andover High School principal, Larry Robinson, has publicly declared a "zero tolerance policy." He announces that any student caught once possessing drugs or a weapon or assaulting a teacher will be "expelled."

Mr. Robinson reportedly defines this as a permanent removal from schools.

I am weary of individuals who are charged with exercising sound judgment refusing to discharge their obligation. "Zero tolerance" as defined by Mr. Robinson means that no matter what the illicit substance may be, no matter what the weapon or the circumstances of an "assault," any student found doing so must be expelled.

The Supreme Judicial Court has upheld a decision of the Worcester schools to expel a student possessing a lipstick container containing a blade, which she kept for self defense against potential attackers in a violent school. An assault on a teacher may include any non-consensual touching, and need not be violent in either the student's mind, or in fact.

Declaring zero tolerance means that not only does the school declare that it will not condone violence, possession of weapons or defiance of our drug laws, it also means that when the principal discovers it, he will have a single response: expel the student.

I was hopeful that when we hired and paid the salaries of our school administrators, we were purchasing their wisdom and good judgment, in addition to their pedagogical skills. Mr. Robinson has now publicly declared that, at least on this critically important subject, he

will never have to make any decision, wise or unwise. Every child, every set of circumstances, gets the same result — they are permanently to be deprived of a high school education.

More than 1,500 children were expelled from schools in Massachusetts last year, according to the state Department of Education. The assistant principal, Steve Richardson, observes we can expect Andover High School to expel six children or so a year.

I am saddened and angry at Mr. Richardson's report. Expelling a child from school may make it easy to maintain order in the school, but it literally gives up on a potentially violent, or possibly soon-to-be drug-addicted child.

Though it may not be possible to succeed in redirecting every child, refusing to attempt to do so, exercising zero judgment, provides a handy excuse for not even attempting to try. Every child the school expels is exponentially more likely to become just what the school fears most about him. That child is drained of the best chance he will ever have to get back on track.

At the same time, the townspeople are that much less safe, since the dangerous behaviors so unacceptable within the school are allowed to go unchecked and undirected.

Mr. Robinson, I hope you publicly state that you were misquoted. But don't try to defend a policy which might give comfort to a public weary of student violence and illegal drug use, but which is wrought out of cowardice, as a device to protect oneself from repercussions when one does the right thing.

Ronald B. Eskin
45 North St.

people who love their neighbors and have high hopes for society. What differs is their opinion as to how to achieve it. Mr. D'Agostino loses his argument at the gate when he climbs down to the level of personal attacks for someone expressing an idea. Mr. Streeter's comment on losers is a reference in the general, not to specific persons.

I thought Mr. Streeter wrote a rather good letter, and I also have sometimes reflected upon the disparate percentage of Democratic office holders in Massachusetts in relation to the rest of the nation, and wonder if the citizens of this state are so well served by such a situation. Competition is always better for the consumer, and where 98 percent of all incumbents are returned to office nationally on a regular basis, regardless of political party, it is hard to see the benefit for the taxpayer when things go either way to such an extreme measure.

I don't think that intellectual questioning of the status quo to be so dishonest in intent as to line me or anyone else up personally for attacks of bigotry, allegations of stupidity, homophobia or that a "logical progression of ideas seems to escape

me" as was hurled at Mr. Streeter. I would think, as the holder of three university degrees, that my thinking and reasoning processes are adequate in discussion with Mr. D'Agostino as he begins the process to obtain his first.

Everyone hates Congress, but everyone loves their congressman. Somewhere between the two lies the problem, and the enemy is probably ourselves. We either need to get better informed or perhaps step back and realize that there is a bigger picture here, where each congressman maximizing the benefit for his or her district may not contribute to the overall welfare of society as a whole, but rather each in their own way rips a thread weakening the whole for all of us.

In my opinion, Mr. Streeter is correct that government should play a smaller role in our lives, and we as individuals must look to ourselves for the decisions we make in life and the behavior we display, as more determinate of where we eventually find ourselves.

Mr. D'Agostino should reflect upon the privilege of public discourse as a birthright of us all, and anything that discourages its practice as a threat to the

freedom of us all. Have confidence that if your ideas are right, they can stand the light of reason without personal attacks on those who feel otherwise.

Robert R. McCumber
23 Arundel St.

CUBA: Build a second school later

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Town officials appear proud of their role in selecting the Cross Street site for a new school, however, we feel the town should give credit where credit is due.

It was an involved citizens group, CUBA (Citizens United for a Better Andover), that stopped a seriously flawed school building proposal dead in its tracks in early 1998. Because of that effort, significant changes were made in what was being proposed:

- Changing the town's middle school configuration from present 6 through 8 grades to 5 through 8 grades was eliminated.

- One new middle school at Cross Street site was changed to a new elementary school and a new middle school at the same Cross Street site.

- Overscaled building for 850 students was appropriately down-sized to two schools with approximately 400 and 500 students each.

Contrary to what was written in some distorted, negative letters in the *Townsmen*, ours was never a "Not In My Backyard" campaign. We wanted, and continue to want, what is best for both the students and taxpayers of the town of Andover. About 500 citizens from across town signed our petition last spring in just two weeks of campaigning.

We have seen nothing in current and projected school student population data that suggests building two buildings simultaneously makes any economic sense. Why not develop the site and infrastructure and leave the decision on a second building open for later?

Taking the risk of having half-empty classrooms across town while adding to facility and other operating costs will raise taxes, while not adding to the quality of education. Instead, a staged approach to classroom expansion is what CUBA has always recommended. Today's students need classroom space today, not four years from now.

So why not add a few portable classrooms during the interim period at all schools, using them for administrative purposes only, freeing up classroom space for the town's children quickly? This approach saves on costs and taxes which will be the key issue at Town Meeting when schools and other infrastructure spending being proposed is tallied up and addressed for their serious implications for town tax rates.

We also wonder if people in the town fully grasp the impact of putting two schools and four ballfields out in West Andover will have on traffic patterns across town added to ballfield expansion

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already occurring at Chandler Field.

The Cross Street site is located:

- 2.2 miles from the Tewksbury border;
- 3.2 miles from the Lawrence border;
- 3.6 miles from the Lowell border.

By contrast, the Cross Street site is 2.7 miles from West Parish church and 4.2 miles from the center of Andover.

Any population modeling, especially for the middle-school age group, shows that putting all of the town's school space in West Andover, which is heavily composed of conservation land, industrial properties, Haggett's Pond and the town's watershed, is a flawed space strategy.

Citizens United for a Better Andover

(This letter was signed by Warren F. Kearn and 25 other Andover residents)

Stop dumping on Shawsheen

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing in response to the letter

last week by Kevin Coffey. I, too, am concerned about the Nextel tower located on the Andover line and its impact on the immediate neighborhood.

At the same time, I disagree that we should not be sending a message to the telecommunications industry. They should be told that even though some people use their products, a large number of people should not have to suffer while they sit back and make money.

A great deal more thought should go into the location of these towers. They are unsightly and could eventually be a health hazard. How do we know? Look at what we know now of power lines.

I am also concerned about Mr. Coffey's suggestion of a location for such a tower. Why is it that people all over Andover suggest using a neighborhood in Shawsheen to get rid of whatever things are objectionable in other parts of town? Why do they not offer their own neighborhoods or properties?

As a member of the Shawsheen Historic District Study Committee, I would like to say that we are working very hard on a Town Meeting warrant article to establish an historic district in Shawsheen. I don't think that a cell phone

tower would be acceptable in an historic district. I would also guess that there are many other Shawsheen residents who share the same sentiment.

James Sellers
York Street

Come to a meeting on new senior center

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The senior population in Andover is asking for your support to build a new Senior Center. The new center will be built by private funds raised by the Friends of the Andover Senior Center Inc. and operated by the town.

Andover is proud of the services and activities provided by the center, chosen for the Veronica B. Smith Award for Excellence. But the present facilities are already bursting at the seams and will not serve the needs of our rapidly expanding senior population.

Two lease options are under consideration at this time. One is the site at Stevens and Main streets and the other is Williams Hall, Phillips Academy. Northstar Realty is offering a 60-year lease of a

10,000 square-foot pad at \$95,000 plus other site costs and options for the building. Phillips Academy is offering a 30-year, \$1 per year lease, excluding utilities, with a 10-year renewal option with the town renovating the existing building.

To date, the new Senior Center Design Selection Team, the building committee and the Friends have selected the Phillips as the leading candidate mainly for its:

- Central location;
- Co-location with academic;
- Access to downtown area;
- Prestigious and historic setting;
- Attractiveness to donors; and
- most importantly, the expressed desire of the senior citizens.

A lease of either site must be approved by the 1999 Town Meeting. The Council on Aging will hold a public meeting to consider and determine the best option.

Please join us at a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, to be held at the Memorial Auditorium (Doherty School). If transportation is required, please call the Senior Center at 623-8321.

Leo Doherty,
Secretary
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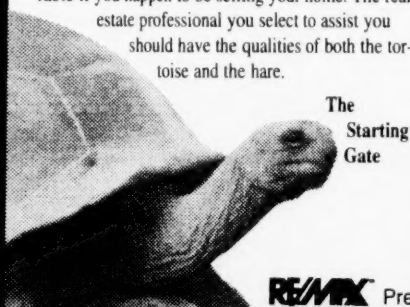
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Andover High School coaches (left to right) Skip Giles, Ken Pellerin, Ken Maglio, Jim Hurley, Wayne Puglisi and Gary Freker gathered at last week's bonfire before the Thanksgiving Day football game. School Committee member and former coach Dick Collins lauded coaches Tuesday for what may have been Andover's best season ever, he says.

Printing problems delay MCAS results

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Students, parents and school leaders eagerly awaiting results from state MCAS tests will have to wait some more, as printing delays held up the release of district, school and individual test results.

While statewide results were released last week, results specific to school district, school and individual students were expected Monday but delayed due to printing difficulties, according to the state Department of Education.

As of Townsman press time, results released to school officials of fourth-grade tests were expected Wednesday, and results of eighth-and-tenth-grade tests are expected to be released to school officials Friday.

Results are embargoed from the public for five school days, but Superintendent Dr. Claudia L. Bach says results received this week will promptly be distributed to schools and parents.

She plans to have student results in the mail to parents by the time results are released to the public December 9.

Assistant Superintendent Marinell McGrath says the information parents receive in the mail will include a contact at their child's school, available to answer questions.

"They can phone their own MCAS team within the school,

McGrath says, who plans to attend PTO meetings next week at Sanborn (Dec. 10) and Andover High School (Dec. 14) to discuss the results.

If parents continue to have questions, administrators may set up meetings with parents to address more questions, McGrath says.

Parents of students in fifth, ninth and eleventh grades will receive results this year of tests taken by their children last year in fourth, eighth and tenth grade. Scores of students who moved into the school district this year will be forwarded from the Massachusetts school district where they took the test last year, Bach says.

Interpreting results

Student School Committee Liaison Pete Edgerly asked Bach at Tuesday's School Committee meeting if teachers and administrators were planning to compare test results and grades, and asked how schools would deal with students who tested poorly but got good grades in school.

"That's the \$64,000 question," Bach said. "I don't know if people will have a very good answer for that, but it will be a challenge for the state."

Andover High School English teacher Chuck Wettergreen said he is concerned that when pass-

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Getting science down to a science

Coordinators of a national conference for science teachers have chosen a group of Andover science teachers and administrators to present their assessment system at a national conference this spring.

Dr. Mary Ellen Duffy, Gayle Pinkowski, Marilyn Connaughton and Norah McCarthy will present Andover's locally developed system of evaluating and aligning science curriculum to state-mandated benchmarks at the National Science Teachers Association conference in Boston on March 25-28.

Assistant Superintendent Marinell McGrath, who worked with the teachers and members of Andover schools' Science Council in creating the assessment system, says

only four or five Massachusetts representatives were chosen to make presentations in the week-long national conference.

"It's a real feather in our cap," she says.

Duffy is program adviser for the Science Department at Andover High School. Pinkowski is a fifth-grade teacher at the Bancroft School, where Norah McCarthy is principal. Marilyn Connaughton is a sixth-grade teacher at West Middle School, McGrath says.

Their presentation, "Alignment and Implementation of Science Benchmarks and Assessment (Grades K-12)," is based on locally developed program that included input from several teachers, McGrath says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Superintendent investigating teacher charged in drug possession

By Rebecca Lipchitz

The local employment fate of Andover Middle School teacher Gene Rapisardi rests with school administrators and legal counsel, who are remaining tight-lipped on the matter so far.

Charges against Rapisardi for possession of crack cocaine were continued by a Lawrence District Court judge last week, allowing the incident to be dropped from his record if he stays out of trouble.

Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach said Tuesday that she, not the School Committee as previously reported, is responsible for deciding the fate of Rapisardi's job, and has begun to investigate the situation herself.

She declined to comment further, as did the School Department's labor counsel Nathan Kaitz of Morgan, Brown & Joy.

Rapisardi, 48, reached at home in Methuen Wednesday by the Townsman, also declined to comment.

Rapisardi's lawyer, Ted Fairburn, says the situation will remain status quo, with Rapisardi on administrative leave, until the District Attorney's office appeals the decision or the continuance expires in six months and the case is dismissed.

If the case is appealed and the judge orders a continuance without a finding, the decision could not be appealed again, Fairburn says.

As for Rapisardi returning to his teaching job in Andover, Fairburn says he hasn't heard from officials in Andover.

"My understanding is that (Rapisardi) would love to return to his job," Fairburn says.

Fairburn says he has been friends with Rapisardi since childhood, and would be shocked if he ever heard that Rapisardi's name had been associated with substance abuse.

"That is wholly out of character for him. There was no evidence of prior substance use or abuse," Fairburn says.

Rapisardi admitted in an affidavit that he threw a vial of crack cocaine on the ground when police approached

him and arrested him May 27, on Oxford Street in Lawrence.

The affidavit did not address what the vial was doing in Rapisardi's possession in the first place.

"I don't know what motivated him to do that. One could assume anything, but one could assume a mistake was made and assume that he is doing everything in his power to rectify that," Fairburn says.

Fairburn, an attorney practicing in Lawrence, is an Andover resident who says he has heard comments of support from many parents who consider Rapisardi a respected teacher.

Rapisardi has taught in Andover for 28 years.

Leaders meet today on next step in school building project

The next step in building two new schools at Cross Street and High Plain Road will be decided Thursday afternoon at an administrative planning meeting.

Top school administrators and School Committee member Tina Girdwood plan to address strategies for seeking public support for the project, and ways to make the best cost estimates before town meeting.

School leaders plan to ask 1999 Town Meeting voters to approve \$2 million for architectural designs for the two new schools.

Girdwood says she believes firm cost estimates are important in asking the public for support.

Schools Business Manager Bernie Tuttle agrees, but warns that preliminary plans can't offer firm costs.

"The money (appropriated) at Town Meeting goes a long way to determine what it will cost. The closer we come to a firm cost estimate the better,

but a major part of the work for an architect is to fine-tune the project," Tuttle says.

School Committee Chairman Eric Nadworny says he would like to know how much time and money has been spent on recent, similar projects in the state, as a guideline for Andover's project.

"We don't have to reinvent the wheel, but we might as well learn from them," Nadworny says.

The design of the building should be program-driven, Tuttle says, and will be put together with input from teachers and administrators in the system.

Nadworny agrees. "The only way to have success is by incorporating everybody's input," he says.

A School Building Committee would be appointed by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski after Town Meeting votes funds for the design, Tuttle says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Unfashionably late — Students wait in line to check in after the bell rang Wednesday morning at Andover High School.

MCAS results delayed

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ing the 10th grade test is required to graduate, students who fail it that year may be at greater risk of dropping out rather than repeating the test.

"There's a concern students will despair and be so concerned, and rather than fail and not graduate, they'll drop out," he said. He asked committee members to deal with the issue before it actually happens, and to prepare guidance counselors to help students deal with test results.

The first class that is required to pass the 10th grade MCAS test to graduate is the class of 2003, or the students in eighth grade this year.

As for helping students who fail the test, McGrath says she is preparing an application for a state grant to run summer classes for those students.

The state has set aside \$20 million for such programs statewide, McGrath says, and each community is awarded a portion of the money based on test results.

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SCHOOLTALK

The Doherty Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will meet Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the **McGrail Media Center**. All parents are invited to attend this business meeting. For more information, call **Diane Hender** at 470-0869.

Marinel McGrath, assistant superintendent of schools, will present a program on the MCAS tests and objectives and discuss the Andover scores, if they are available, according to organizers.

The meeting, sponsored by the AHS PAC, will be held Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the **High School Media Center**. All parents of AHS students are invited to attend.

Shawsheen School teachers, students and their families enjoyed a summerlike Saturday at their annual Harvest Picnic on Oct. 17. The children participated in organized races and games, a pumpkin-decorating contest, Halloween crafts,



Photo by Kathy Dowden

Make-your-own photo buttons was a popular activity at **Shawsheen's Harvest Picnic**. **Anthony Broccoli** waits his turn.

family photos and tattoos. Tickets for the 15 raffle prizes, including a leaf-blower, Ringling Brothers Circus tickets

and toys and gift certificates from local stores were very popular. Pizza was enjoyed for lunch. It was a successful, brilliant day, organizers said.

Joshua Accomando, son of **Edward Accomando** and **M. Sheila Prout**, is in grade 7 at **Belmont Hill School** in Belmont.

He was among 101 students selected to help comprise the 422-member student body.



Joshua Accomando

The following Andover students attained the honor roll for the first quarter at **Our Lady of Nazareth Academy** in Wakefield: **Rachel DeMella** and **Tirzah Heller**, members of the class of 2000.

Cub Scout Pack 77 of Andover will begin its annual Scouting for Food Drive Saturday, Dec. 5. Cub Scouts will deliver bags, to be filled with non-perishable food items, to area homes on Dec. 5, and collect them the following Saturday, Dec. 12. The food will go to area organizations in need.

Stories for a Winter's Day, a drop-in story hour for 3-6 year olds will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. in the **Children's Room at Memorial Hall Library**.

Preschoolers and their parents and caregivers are invited to an hour of stories designed to give a "warm welcome to Old Man Winter." The program will conclude with a short film and a simple craft. No preregistration is required.

Film trips for preschoolers will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. Films will include holiday favorites *The Snowman*, *Polar Express* and *Morris' Disappearing Bag*.

This will be the final presentation of Saturday film trips for this year.

The fourth-graders at **San-**

born School shared that a few of their ancestors went back as far as the Native American Indians. Storyteller **Elisa Pearmain** retold the story *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen. Learning about why people came to this country was not only for a better life but also for love, religious freedom, education, etc. Pearmain also told the story of her great-great-grandfather and his family coming over from Bristol, England, and a folktale from Africa.

Organizers said, "Ms. Pearmain's program was a wonderful experience for our children. We also learned that everyone that has immigrated to America is more alike than different."

Pearmain said, "They were so well prepared. It is nice to work with students who know the material. This is a good school."

The **Greater Lawrence Technical School** will hold its admission test for prospective ninth-grade students Saturdays, Dec. 5 and 12. Students should report to the school at 57 River Road at 7:45 a.m. on one of those dates.

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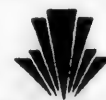
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18 at AHS named AP Scholars by College Board

Eighteen students at Andover High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations.

Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 635,000 students

who took AP Examinations in May 1998 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of courses and exams. At Andover High School three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and

grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Daniel Barch, Jeffrey Shyu and Lisabeth Willey.

Four students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Kaitlin Kessler, Lauren

Mallen, Jessica Purcell and Rudy Wen.

Eleven students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Nicole Bolliger, Abbie Daniel, Peter Hill, Chun Juo Huang, Mark Jacobson, Charles Jordan, Allison Macrae, Senjit Sarkar, Amy

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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch at Andover public schools the week of Dec. 7-11:

Elementary schools

Monday: Fish and chips, french toast with sausage, nuggets and puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with salad and cinnamon roll, toasted cheese with soup, pizza stick with soft pretzel, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Two tacos with rice, bologna and cheese sandwich with soup, nuggets and puffs, vegetable, pudding, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Turkey dinner with cranberry sauce, cheese pizza, ham and cheese with soup, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, nuggets and puffs, tuna fish with soup, vegetable, chocolate chip cookies, fruit, milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Baked ham with potatoes and vegetable, baked chicken nuggets, bakery pizza, soup and sandwich, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, chicken McSchool, bakery pizza, cheeseburger with fries, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, baked chicken nuggets, bakery pizza, soup and sandwich, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Two tacos with rice, bakery pizza, chicken McSchool, cheeseburger with fries, fruit, milk.

Friday: Oven-fried chicken, potatoes and vegetable, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, soup and sandwich, fruit, milk.

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18 at AHS named AP Scholars

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Shui, Emily Wilner and Roger Yeh.

Only one of this year's recipients, Senjit Sarkar, is currently a senior.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging col-

lege-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale (5 is the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of 3 or higher. More than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore

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AHS students listed in 32nd edition of 'Who's Who Among American High School Students' 1997-98

The following students from Andover are featured in the 32nd annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1997-98.

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By Kristen Herlihy and
Diana Finegold
Andover Youth
Council members

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This show is to benefit the first-ever Andover High School lacrosse (lax) team. So bring

your friends, your pet monkey, and your shower curtain to the Old Town Hall this Friday night, Dec. 4, at 7:45 p.m. to have a great time and support Andover Lacrosse.

Appearing this Friday are Boardwalk Arcade, Patchwork, and the Nubtones. Word has it that there will be a pre-show acoustic jam in front of the Old Town Hall at about 6:30 p.m., featuring Andover's own notorious

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The Snowboard Club... We like skiers too

By Chris Cuomo and
Ted "Shred" DeInnocentis

The Andover Snowboard Club, a fine organization of united snowboarders, was created back in the day by Mike Parziale, with a little help from his friends in the Andover Youth Services. Since then the Snowboard Club has built a name for itself in the snowboard community, boasting of hundreds of members, several

day trips, and even the fabled trip to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

This year our fearless new leaders of the ASC seek to bring unity among snowboarders and skiers alike. All Andover Snowboard Club trips are open to high school skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels. We go to all mountains on the East Side and a few on the West Side, including Sugarbush, Mt. Snow, Waterville Valley, Loon, Stratton for the US Open, and then some. This year we are considering some overnight trips. It doesn't matter if you ski or snowboard, or if you are good or not, it's all about getting out there and hitting the snow. So bring your friends.

As far as transportation goes, the ASC piles aboard a luxurious coach bus equipped with deluxe TV and VCR as well as bathroom facilities and stewardesses (just kidding). The rides up to the mountain

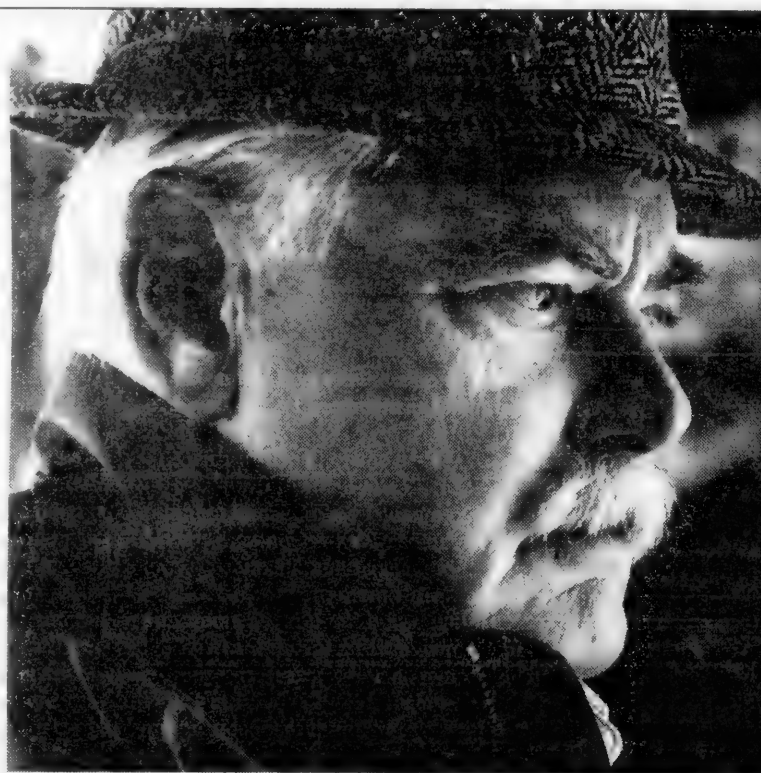
are loaded with fun and Adam Sandler movies. The buses hold 45 people and the more we fill the bus up, the more trips we can take. Trip costs range from \$35 to \$50 and the more people we bring, the cheaper the trip costs.

Want to go? All ASC information is available on the High School bulletin boards, the DCS office, and the AYS office. All skiers and riders who need more info, talk to the super-friendly ASC leaders in the hall — Chris Cuomo, Mark Stout, John Inman, Meredith Martin, Maureen Meulen and Ted DeInnocentis — or call the AYS world headquarters at 623-8241.

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News

Energy crisis ...

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The plant would operate 24 hours a day, and employ about 30 people. According to the Environmental Notification Form (ENF), the project would be privately funded, at an estimated cost of \$300 million.

The proposed site of the plant is 25 acres of the 250-acre Brox property in Dracut, an industrially zoned area that makes a specific allowance for power plants, according to Thomas G. Favinger, vice president of Constellation Power Development.

Within the Brox property, the plant would be just north of Methuen Street, west of Wheeler Road on the Methuen border and south of the Poppy Lane neighborhood in Dracut. It would be just across the Merrimack River from Nollat Drive and Raven's Bluff (off River Road) in Andover.

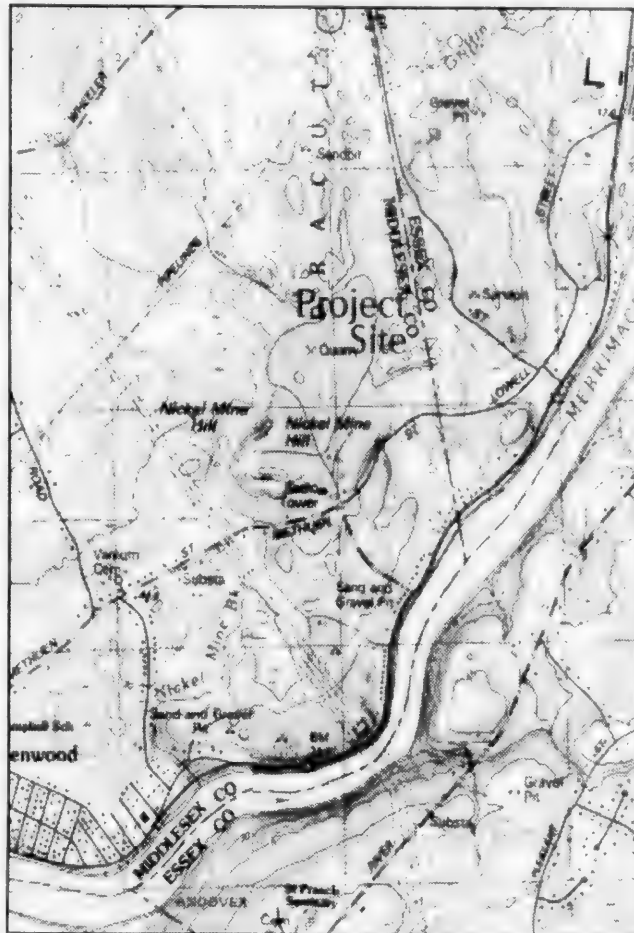
While a portion of the Brox property extends from Dracut into Methuen, the plant itself would be built entirely in Dracut, Favinger says, adding that the site is ideal for this type of power plant because of its proximity to the river, the Tennessee Gas Pipeline and the New England Power Corridor transmission lines, which would distribute the power produced at the plant.

First step, long process

Monday's meeting was held to allow residents to comment on the project's Environmental Notification Form, a preliminary report.

But many residents of Andover and Methuen complained that they weren't aware of the project until recently, just as the comment period came to a close Tuesday.

Laura Rome, of the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA), had collected comments from the public at previous meetings, and did so again Monday as part of an information-gathering mission under MEPA. MEPA does not issue permits, but rather makes recommendations to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).



Very close — The proposed natural-gas power plant in Dracut is right on the Methuen line, and just across the Merrimack River from Andover.

She says MEPA would accept late comments from the public, but added at the end of Monday's meeting, which lasted more than three hours, that few of the concerns raised that evening were new.

While MEPA does not approve or disapprove the plan, she and MEPA Director Jay Wickersham will draft a certificate that recommends what information

should be studied in the Environmental Impact Report, Rome says.

Information in the EIR will be considered by the state and federal environmental agencies in the permitting process.

MEPA plans to make recommendations for the EIR by Dec. 11. Favinger says once the guidelines for the EIR are set, Constellation Power expects to finish the EIR in April or May 1999. Then the EIR will be open for public comment.

While there is no deadline for the company to submit an EIR, if it takes more than five years, they would be required to submit a new ENF first, Rome says.

While Andover residents have no legal say in awarding of local permits handled by Dracut, the state Environmental Protection Agency does consider public input from surrounding towns in determining whether to award a permit.

The project needs federal and state permits for storm water, stack design, gas supply, overall environmental review, rare species, cultural resources, air quality and noise, water supply, waste water treatment, fuel oil and chemical storage, wetlands and waterways. Local permits would be required by the Town of Dracut for building design, stack and building heights and the site plan. They also need a permit from the City of Lowell to assure compliance with industrial waste water pretreatment standards.

Rome says that MEPA can recommend the creation of a Citizens Advisory Group for the project if it has a widespread impact, like the conversion of a military base, for example, or if the impact is very complicated, but the project developer has the final say in whether the group would be appointed or not.

That wasn't enough for some residents, who asked Favinger to extend the comment period on the ENF.

But he refused, prompting one resident to tell Favinger that he "failed the public" by that refusal, and also by refusing to send copies of reports to town offices and libraries other than Dracut.

Judith A. Barber, Service Center Director for the Northeast Regional Office of the state Department of

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Opponents wonder, can this plant be stopped?

Residents convinced that the air in the Merrimack Valley is already polluted enough are saying that should be enough to stop a proposed power plant in Dracut, just across the river from Andover on the Methuen border, no matter how clean it would be.

Environmental consultants for the power plant developer say provisions are in place to improve air quality in the state through the permit process.

But Andover Health Director Everett Penney, a Dracut resident, says the those provisions are meaningless, since state and federal environmental agencies have failed to accurately measure air quality.

"There seems to be a great chasm in the greater Lawrence and greater Lowell areas. I would see it as a perfect role for MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency) procedure to fill in that hole. At what point does somebody look at the cumulative impact?" Penney says.

James Belsky, permit chief for the Bureau of Waste Prevention in the Northeast Region of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), says the office would indeed deny a permit, even to a relatively clean plant, if there were too

much pollution already in the region.

"That is the major part of what we do," Belsky says.

While the DEP has not received any applications from Constellation Power (the project has not yet applied for permits), Belsky says the level of Nitrous Oxide they propose to emit — 2.5 parts per million — is the lowest number nationwide.

"Being a totally natural gas power plant, it uses the cleanest fossil fuel available to us," Belsky says.

Steve Slocumb, project engineer for Epsilon Associates, environmental consultants for Constellation Power Development Inc., which hopes to build the plant, says that in order to meet state standards for air-quality permits, the developer must include existing pollution in calculating the impact of the plant.

To calculate the impact the plant would have on air quality, Slocumb says, the potential pollution from the plant within a 20 kilometer radius would be added to the "background" or existing pollution recorded by DEP air-quality monitors throughout the state. The total of potential emissions and existing emissions must be below national and state ambient air-quality

standards for the permit to be awarded, he says.

But Penney says those calculations won't keep the air from being polluted since the air-quality monitors set up by the DEP are spread throughout the state, but monitor different pollutants in different areas.

"There is an issue of integrity and (lack of confidence) in the EPA and the DEP," Penney says.

Belsky says three of the state's 15 monitors are in Lawrence, where it monitors Sulfur Dioxide, particulate (dust) and ozone. NOX (Nitrous oxide) is monitored in Kenmore Square in Boston — what Belsky estimates is one of the state's busiest intersections.

The national standards for air quality are "health-based" Belsky says, and are designed to protect the most vulnerable members of the population like children and elderly.

But at least according to current statistics, it does not appear that pollution is at dangerous levels in the area.

For example, Belsky says, the nationally safe level of particulates (dust) is 50 micrograms per cubic meter. In Lawrence, in 1997, the highest recorded

amount was 15 micrograms per cubic meter, he says.

Under a federal program designed to manage ozone, the plant is also required to meet two other standards, Slocumb says.

They are responsible under federal law to meet the Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) by using the most effective technology available regardless of the cost, he says.

"If we can't afford it, we don't build the project," Slocumb says.

Developers are also responsible to offset the total emissions in the state by "buying" emissions from other plants, he says.

Massachusetts requires the proposed plant developer to pay another plant in the state to produce less pollution or add a pollution control device to reduce total emissions.

"For every 50 tons they emit, they have to take 60 tons out of the area," Belsky says.

At the moment, the offset must be within the state — not necessarily the region — Belsky says, and may be expanded out of state down the East Coast as far as Washington, D.C.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

For now, fields are dreams

By Neil Fater

As Andover looks to borrow more than \$53 million for projects including new sewers and a safety center, it seems building new athletic fields could continue to be only the stuff of dreams next year.

Selectmen appear to have no plans to put a new-playing-fields article on the April Town Meeting warrant, says Selectman Lori Becker.

"There's no vision," she says.

Even though 1998 Town Meeting approved \$138,000 to study the construction of fields and a connecting road into the Recreation Park gravel pit last April, that study has not started yet, says Mary Donohue, department of community services co-coordinator.

The 1995 Town Meeting approved \$215,000 for Rec Park improvements, but that money sat unused for months until a resident brought attention to the issue.

Donohue says the town did not put the most recent, gravel pit project out to bid because of the

number of major projects on the town's list. Department heads met to prioritize which of those projects should go forward to a town meeting, she says. Building fields was something that employees felt could wait, in light of some other needs, because the Rec Park study might not be ready in time.

"We decided to put off the playing fields because the study isn't done, and we'd be close to Town Meeting (if it went out to bid)," Donahue says.

"I'm a little disappointed that the study isn't done because I would have like to have ridden a wave of support because I feel there's support for it now," she says.

Actually, there's been support to build more fields in town for years. Expanding recreational facilities, including fields, is a perennial item on the selectmen's "To Do" list. This year Town Meeting also took an unexpected hand vote specifically to show its support for creating new playing fields.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Happy trails — Siblings Eric and Mary Charlotte Buck of Andover climb up the path from the gravel pit, where athletic fields have been proposed, but not built.

But there have been no new fields in town for years. And no recreation advisory committee has been formed, even though selectmen all supported the idea when it was brought up last year.

As for who should provide the vision she feels is lacking, Becker says, "I don't know if it's a consensus effort."

Still, Donohue sees some glimmers of hope downfield. Andover has three possible sites where it can build fields in the next several years.

It's considering putting fields in the Rec Park gravel pit, on top of the West Andover landfill after it is closed, and at the new Cross Street schools site.

"We definitely need new fields and those are three areas you can put them. A few years ago we didn't have three areas," she says. "These things take time."

In addition, Andover will have a permanent skate park at West Middle School starting in the fall. Selectmen have tried to expand the use of the Shawsheen fields by adding lights there, but that effort seems to have died because of opposition from neighbors.

Of the three potential sites for fields, Becker believes the best option is to build in West Andover, on top of the soon-to-be capped landfill near the Deyermond fields on

Chandler Road.

But she says she'd also like to see Recreation Park improved, with a new building there to replace the one that burned down years ago.

"It amazes me that DCS does so much for this town, their classes are maxed out, and they're working out of two rooms in town offices," says Becker. "Why does DCS never get what it wants? Why don't we have DCS and youth services in their own building?"

"That's what Rec Park was meant for when it was built. (Before the fire,) we had the building out their without the fields. Now we have the facilities without the building."

Youth services coordinator Bill Fahey says his priority right now is simply to maintain the fields the town has. With the addition of new sports like lacrosse and the increase in population, competition for Andover fields may be just as fierce now as the competition on the fields.

"The fields right now are so overused that they can't keep up with the maintenance of them," says Becker, offering a frequent lament. "With normal field time you could let the field sit and let seed grow. If you can't let it sit, then how can you maintain it?"

"I hope we're not overlooking the fields because of all the other big-ticket items," she says.

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Energy ...

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Environmental Protection, says the state will hold several pre-permit meetings as the process continues, where residents can participate and further voice concerns.

Tough customers

While the plant may get easy approval in Dracut, which will see some significant property tax benefits, it appears it will have loud opposition from bordering communities. More than 300 residents in those towns have signed petitions opposing the plant, residents say.

There is official opposition as well. Andover selectmen voted unanimously Monday to oppose the plant, and to send a letter to that effect to Dracut Selectmen. Selectman Larry Larsen also encouraged Dracut to take a more regional approach to such issues in the future.

State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) and state Rep.-elect David Nangle (D-Lowell) issued a letter this week to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs in opposition to the plant after meeting with residents including Sheryl Poole of Andover, who helped organize efforts to oppose the project.

Finegold says he believes that the Merrimack Valley is at capacity for pollution.

"I think we're already doing our fair share. We spent millions upon millions of dollars to clean up the Merrimack River, and here we are putting in a possibly polluting facility. It's like cutting off your nose to spite your face," Finegold says.

He cites the pollution from three area trash-to-energy plants as reason to oppose any other possible polluting facilities, and rising mercury levels in Haverhill drinking water as evidence of local pollution.

State Senator-elect Sue Tucker (D-Andover), says she has not decided that it should "absolutely never ever be built," but is still learning about details on the issue.

Tucker, Nangle and Sen. James Jajuga (D-Methuen) all attended the meeting Monday.

Nangle says he will support whatever his constituents want, which, according to what he's hearing to date, is that they oppose the plant.

Ed Valis, chairman of the Dracut Utility

Committee appointed to oversee the permitting process of the power plant, says the committee plans to hire an independent consultant to review the EIR.

How clean is it?

Relative to oil- or coal-burning power plants, the proposed natural-gas-fired plant would emit one hundredth of the pollutants other type of plants emit, says Theodore A. Barten, P.E., managing principal of Epsilon Associates, working for Constellation Power.

Barten says the emissions of the two large stacks at the power plant would be mostly carbon dioxide and water vapor.

Within that vapor would be trace

amounts other substances, that over the course of a year, would add up to 184 tons of Nitrous Oxide, 256 tons of Carbon Monoxide, 79 tons of particulate matter (dust) and 80 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).

One resident wondered aloud how "trace amounts" of substances were measured in tons.

The water taken from the Merrimack River would be cleaned at the plant with an aqueous ammonia solution, and sent through the Dracut and Lowell sewer systems to the wastewater treatment plant in Lowell, where it would be treated and returned to the river.

Barber says the DEP will most likely be concerned with not only the quality of the water returning to the river,

but the volume required for the plant.

Engineers say the plant would take in 400 million gallons of water per day to operate.

According to Andover Health Director Everett Penney, a Dracut resident, 400 million gallons of water is nearly equal to the amount of water used in one day by the town of Methuen.

Favinger says his company expects the deregulation market to favor cleaner and more efficient plants like the one he proposes, putting oil- and coal-burning plants at such a disadvantage that they eventually go out of business.

One resident said he wasn't willing to bank on it.

"If you were replacing an oil-burning plant I'd be for it, but it doesn't pass the smell test with me," he said.

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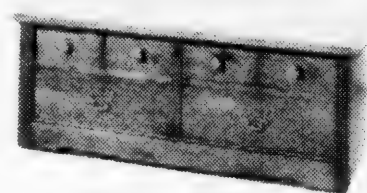


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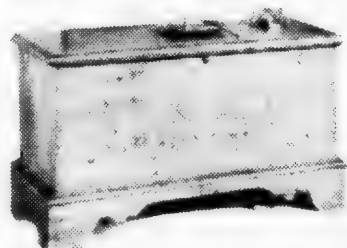


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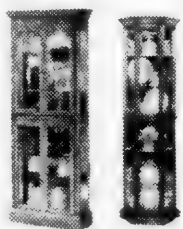
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New Year's present: A tax increase

By Neil Fater

Andover taxpayers can expect to see their tax bills rise when the New Year's ball falls.

Because the values of most Andover homes are increasing by 7 percent for fiscal year 1999, an increase comes as no surprise. But, by voting Monday to lower the tax rate for next year, the Board of Selectman did keep the tax increase for most residential property owners at less than 3 percent.

"For the average residential tax owner, it's one of the lowest increases in quite a while," says Town Assessor Bill Krajewski.

"If you have a home you didn't add on or (make) improvements to in the last year," he says, "you can expect



**Krajewski — a
modest hike.**

Krajewski says residents were spared a larger increase in taxes, in part because of the growth of new businesses in Andover.

"We're actually increasing the percentage that's taken care of by resi-

your tax bill to go up 2.7 percent."

That means residential taxpayers will pay \$15.18 in taxes for each \$1,000 worth of property they own.

That's down from last year's rate of \$15.82 per \$1,000 in valuation.

dential versus commercial/industrial, but we're looking at a huge increase for commercial/industrial if we don't change," says Selectman Brian Major.

Existing businesses will see overall tax increases ranging from 4.5 to 9.2 percent, although their tax rate will drop. Businesses will pay \$21.75 per \$1,000 in value.

Existing businesses saw a 10 percent increase in valuation, while businesses in the booming River Road area increased in value by an average of 15 percent, says Krajewski. The River Road businesses are the ones that will see the 9.2 percent increase.

"Generally speaking, we expect tax bills to be in the mail the first of January," says Krajewski.

Time ...

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ing to do with their relationship. That was built over time spent together, things done together, joys, griefs and times of learning shared.

From the dad end, the same thing is true. Ask almost any kid what they like about their mom or dad, and you won't hear about the

toy they bought a couple of Christmases ago. You'll hear about things done together — about time spent with a child, not time spent waiting in line, or brawling with somebody else, to buy a toy.

The college junior in my family was asked that question as a first-grader. He remembered camping out at a music festival. "I like it when we sit down outside the tent and look at the stars," he dictated

to his teacher. "And then I like it when we go inside the tent and talk about night things."

None of that cost a cent. But it means more to both of us than any of the toys accumulated during a childhood.

Of course we got him and his brothers toys — probably too many. Maybe there's a good chance the dad who stayed up all night outside the Wal-Mart also reads to the kids, takes them for walks to look at the "skinny moon" and is taking the time to fill their minds with experiences, family traditions and memories that will cement their relationship through the difficult adolescent years and forever after that.

But I've never seen a screaming mob of 500 parents line up for the chance to read a story to their kids, take them on a hike, bring them to a ballgame or just lie on the grass on a summer night, watch the stars pinwheel overhead and talk about "night things."

There will always be another hot toy. That's what marketers spend the year doing. Years ago it was Cabbage Patch Kids. More recently, it's been Tickle Me Elmo and Beanie Babies.

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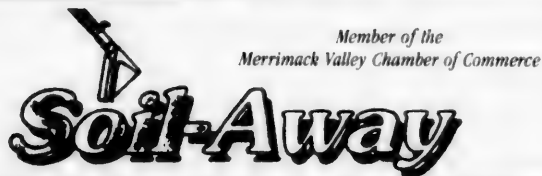
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ARRESTS

Saturday, Nov. 28 - At 10:09 p.m., Brian R. O'Donnell, 20, of 7 Cogswell Road, North Reading, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol, driving an uninsured vehicle with defective equipment after the plates had been revoked, and with driving with a revoked license.

Sunday, Nov. 29 - At 12:23 a.m., after police were alerted to a "domestic situation" at a hotel lot, Brian S. Wolfe, 106 N. Glendale Ave., Glendale, Calif., was arrested and charged with assault and battery. Bail was later set at \$3,000.

At 12:12 p.m., Jose Quinones, 27, of 256

Essex St., Lawrence was arrested at the Tague Inn and charged on a default warrant for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, speeding, and driving an unregistered and uninsured car.

At 3:15 p.m., Michael J. Baker, 34, of 127 Howe St., Methuen, was arrested at the station and charged with driving a vehicle after his license had been revoked for drunken driving, and with driving a car with unnecessary noise.

At 4:59 p.m., four people were arrested for allegedly trying to shoplift from a North Main Street store. Ana Frances Lara, 18, of 5 Willmot St., Lawrence; Flor D. Gonzalez, 20, of 187 Newbury St.,

Lawrence; Dilenny Mabel Gonzalez, 21, of 315 Turnpike, North Andover; and Leida Alcantara, 20, of 156 Walnut St., Lawrence, were all arrested and charged with shoplifting or concealing merchandise.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 25 - At 12:02 p.m., the West Middle School principal reported she had confiscated a Class D substance from a student.

At 8:13 p.m., a restraining order was served to a man in Andover.

At 10:25 p.m., a restraining order was served to an Andover woman.

Thursday, Nov. 26 - At 12:3 a.m., an Andover woman reported being assaulted by her boyfriend who was there and threatening to take her child. An officer spoke with the people involved.

At 1:25 a.m., an Andover male called to report his girlfriend was threatening suicide and he was afraid she would do so once he fell asleep. Officers spoke with the couple.

At 9:56 p.m., a man on Bateson Drive reported that someone had just shone a laser pen through his window. An officer checked the area without success.

Friday, Nov. 27 - At 11:17 a.m., an officer attempted to serve a restraining order to an employee of an Andover business.

Saturday, Nov. 28 - At 9:38 a.m., a Stouffer Circle caller reported hunters shooting near the rear of the caller's property. A police dispatcher heard a gunshot while talking to the person, and the caller said he saw geese fly up. Officers returned with two seized firearms and some ammunition. An officer was to summons the hunter "on a number of violations."

At 12:58 p.m., a detective was to file on a trespassing at Andover High School.

At 11:17 p.m., officers reported following a purple Honda on Interstate 93, heading north. The driver refused to stop for police and continued into Methuen. Other agencies were notified. The car was recovered in the median strip on Interstate 93 southbound. A detective asked to have the car secured so Andover police could dust it for fingerprints.

Sunday, Nov. 29 - At 12:23 a.m., an officer reported receiving a report of a domestic dispute near the Ramada Rolling Green's tennis courts. The

officer reported people in a car "going at it."

Monday, Nov. 30 - At 6:43 p.m., an officer was to file a report on a reported counterfeit bill passed on Main Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - At 10:33 a.m., a Greater Lawrence Technical School employee reported someone trespassing at the school.

BREAKS

Saturday, Nov. 28 - At 10:44 p.m., an officer reported an attempted break into a room at the Tague Inn.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - At 4:36 p.m., a Prospect Road woman reported coming home to find her house had been entered.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 25 - At 10:24 a.m., someone at Andover High reported that a laptop computer had been stolen Nov. 9.

At 6:54 p.m., a woman reported her wallet taken at a Shawsheen Plaza market.

At 9:35 p.m., a Marland Place employee reported a theft of jewelry had occurred in one of the rooms. An officer was to file a report.

Friday, Nov. 27 - At 4:05 p.m., a YMCA employee reported that a member had said someone had taken \$100 in cash and an ATM card from a locker.

At 5:19 p.m., a Campanelli Drive woman soon to be married reported somebody had broken into her car and taken "all the wedding gifts from her trunk." Besides the gifts for the wedding party, jewelry, clothing, and luggage were also taken. In total, an estimated \$1,230 worth of goods were stolen from the bride-to-be.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - At 8:29 p.m., a man reported his credit card was stolen and used. He believed it had been stolen while he was at the YMCA.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Nov. 26 - At 10:34 p.m., a woman at the Grill 93 on River Road reported her 1984 Jeep Wrangler was stolen from the restaurant's parking lot. At 11:03 p.m., Andover police found an apparently stolen car left in the Grill 93 lot. The car had damage to its steering column and its lights and windshield wipers were left on.

Friday, Nov. 27 - At 9:53 a.m., a Marriott hotel employee reported

one car stolen and another car broken into while they were parked in the Marriott lot. About an hour later, Marriott reported another vehicle theft.

At 3:33 p.m., a vehicle stolen from a Methuen resident was found on Poor Street with missing and damaged parts.

Saturday, Nov. 28 - At 10:03, a Tague Inn employee reported that a guest reported that someone had stolen his or her car since 2 p.m. that day. The car was later recovered at a cinema in Salem with damage to the driver's door and the ignition. Andover officers recovered another car with a popped ignition that was left running at the scene.

Sunday, Nov. 29 - At 10:53 a.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered in the Marriott parking lot.

At 6:41 p.m., a Jeep was reported stolen from Old River Road sometime during the last few days.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - At 11:27 a.m., Chief Brian Pattullo was to file a report on damage to his vehicle caused by a rock coming over a guard rail.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 25 - At 8:26 p.m., after a report of a three-car accident on South Main Street, an officer reported a deer and car had collided, and the deer had departed.

Thursday, Nov. 26 - At 8:03 p.m., a Linwood Street caller reported a hit-and-run by a bus on a fire hydrant it backed into, causing damage.

At 10:16 p.m., a hit-and-run by a Lincoln Town Car on a green mini van was reported on Main Street.

Friday, Nov. 27 - At 11:41 p.m., there were several calls regarding an accident with injury, where a car struck a pole on Greenwood Road.

Saturday, Nov. 28 - At 9:33 a.m., a Topping Road resident reported his truck was hit by another vehicle while it was parked in front of his house.

At 5:45 p.m., an accident where one car rolled over was reported on Beacon Street, but two people refused treatment, and there was no report of a personal injury.

Sunday, Nov. 29 - At 6:31 p.m., a hit-and-run was reported on Abbot Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - At 12:30 a.m., an accident with injury was reported on Central Street.

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A feathered fashion plate

Every once in a while, Marianne Karp hears some strangers at her front door. They've come to visit her good friend Henrietta.

The only thing is, Henrietta isn't a person. She's a concrete goose. Specifically, she's an 85-pound concrete goose that Karp dresses in a wide variety of different outfits.

"We hear people talking on our front porch and we don't know who they are. Little kids leave presents for it," says Karp, of Eastman Road. "People have just taken a shine to this goose."

Henrietta has a cowgirl outfit, farming gear, a witch costume, a clown suit for Clown Town time, a raincoat and umbrella for inclement days, and a sunflower dress for nicer days.

"I love sunflowers. Love them. That's her Sunday go-to-meeting dress," says Karp.

Recently, Henrietta traded in her witch and pumpkin outfits for a pilgrim dress, and Tuesday the silly goose shed her fall wardrobe completely.

"She's a goose for all seasons. She has more clothes than you and me," says Karp.

Then she laughs and says, "I need grandchildren."

Soon, Karp will have one. One of her daughters, 1989 Andover High graduate Katie Karp, is expecting her first child this spring. However, that won't change things completely. Henrietta will still provide plenty of entertainment.

When Katie comes to visit this March, Henrietta will be sporting some maternity clothing of her own. By June, when Katie's young one arrives, a stork will bring a little concrete bundle of goose-down joy to the steps of Eastman Road, too.

But until then, Henrietta has some work cut out for her.

This Sunday, she'll be decked out in a Pittsburgh Steelers uniform, as the Steelers face the New England Patriots in a game with serious pigskin playoff implications.

The Karp family has found that whether Henrietta suits up can be as important as whether Patriots wide receiver Terry Glenn

(FOR THE BIRD, continued on page 24)



Mrs. (Henrietta) Claus

Some tickets still available for Saturday Andover performance

Czech Radio Orchestra helps tune center

For years, those involved with the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts said it was being underused. Then, during the Andover High School construction project, it couldn't be used at all.

But as Andover enters December 1998, the center - and Andover - is getting a loud wake-up call.

During the first two weeks, the center is showcasing the type of performances it can still handle as it hosts a nationally recognized band, a internationally renowned orchestra, and an Andover High School drama production.

"The Collins Center is alive and well," declares Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Tuesday, Andover residents who planned ahead were free to see a sold-out holiday concert by the popular United States Air Force Band of Liberty.

And the tune up of the Collins Center will continue this coming week end. Organizers even say that residents will have a chance to check out history there.

That's because Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m., the Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra will continue its first-ever American tour with a concert at the Collins Center. The orchestra performed Monday at Boston's Symphony Hall.

Tickets are \$20, and are available at the Andover Townsman front desk from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at the Eagle-Tribune. Tickets will also be available the night of the concert, Dec. 5, starting at 6:45 p.m.

The Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra is directed by Vladimir Valek, and will feature Andover resident Michael Finegold on flute during its Andover performance. Mezzo-soprano Kimball Wheeler will

also be featured.

The program will include *Sarka* from *My Country*, by Bedrich Smetana; *Salutations* by John Biggs; *Three Songs of Pablo Neruda* by William Thomas McKinley; *Pop Goes the Concert Hall, Volume 2: The Swinging Seventies*, by Mitch Hampton and *Symphony No. 9 (The New World Symphony)* by Antonin Dvorak.

"This is an opportunity to come and see the Collins Center and really make use of it," says Stapczynski.

Next weekend, Dec. 11 and 12, the same stage will be filled with the acting of the Andover High drama guild, which is tackling *The Miracle Worker*.

The Miracle Worker is the story of Helen Keller, a deaf, blind and mute person who learns to communicate with the help of teacher and friend Annie Sullivan.

The weekend ahead

Songs and dance just part of the picture

The Northern Essex Community College Dance Department will present its annual Student Dance Performance Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sport and Fitness Center on the Haverhill Campus.

The performance will feature jazz and modern pieces choreographed by Adrienne Mincz, Jacqui Young and Elaine Mawhinney, and a piece choreographed exclusively for the Northern Essex dancers by choreographer Fred Benjamin, jazz director for the Alvin Ailey Dance Center.

Benjamin visited Northern Essex Saturday, Nov. 21, to work with dancers and choreograph the piece. Available at the door, tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students with IDs.

Free PA concerts

The Phillips Academy music department will present a concert featuring performances by the Phillips Academy Symphony Orchestra, the Academy Chamber Orchestra, the Amadeus Ensemble, and



Ready for take-off - Michelle Kennedy of Andover shows she's in step with Fred Benjamin, jazz director for the Alvin Ailey Dance Center.

the Corelli Society on Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

The program will include selections from Corelli's *Christmas Concerto*, performed by the Corelli Society under the direction of faculty member Elizabeth Aureden, and the first movement from the Mozart *Piano Concerto, K.449*, performed by the Amadeus

Ensemble under the direction of faculty member Peter Warsaw. The piano soloist for the Mozart is William Chan, a student of faculty member Christopher Walter.

Also featured on the program is the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 *Emperor* and the Marcello concerto for oboe, performed by the Academy Chamber Orchestra. Piano soloist for the Beethoven is Christina Schmidt, who studies with Peter Warsaw.

Oboist Ariel Lambe, a

student of music faculty member Charlyn Bethell, is the soloist for the Marcello concerto.

The Academy Symphony will perform selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* and the Leroy Anderson *Christmas Festival Overture*. Both the Symphony and Chamber orchestras are under the baton of William Thomas.

Why wait for carolers? Seek holiday singing

The New England Classical Singers, with Director David Tierney, will present its annual holiday concert Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St. (Route 62), North Reading. The program will feature Vivaldi's *Gloria (RV 588)*, Bach's *Cantata #63 (Christen, atzet diesen Tag)*, and Spanish and English carols.

Tickets are \$10, or \$7 for seniors and students, and are available at the Andover Book Store, 89R Main St. For more information, call 688-2816.

This goose is good for the gander

(FOR THE BIRD continued from page 23) does.

"The funniest time was one time the Steelers were losing. Ed (her husband) said, 'You know what's the matter? Henrietta doesn't have her Steelers outfit on.' We put it on, and they came back to win."

The Karps get their goose outfits from a company called Goose Garb, that's a big hit in middle America, they say. "It's a catalog," says Ed Karp. "It's like a Barbie doll, they have everything for the goose."

The Karps bought Henrietta about three years ago in Pennsylvania. Marianne Karp says she used to enjoy taking a gander at the goose that a neighbor of her father's owned.

When her father died, getting a similar goose for Andover seemed a way to

stay close to her father and the past, she says.

As for the future, people can expect Henrietta to model a Mrs. Claus outfit and a Christmas tree costume this month, a St. Patrick's Day ensemble in March, and Easter Bunny ears in April.

Then, when the weather heats up, watch out!

"In the summer, if it's a hot day, I put the bikini on her," says Karp.

That can only lead to more conversations with strangers. Recently someone who lives a few blocks from Karp came over to talk about the goose with the golden L'Eggs, she says.

"The man told me that it's a subject of conversation at the dinner table," she says. "When he comes home from work he always has to ask, 'What does Henrietta have on today?' It's just fun."

Andover's seasonal greetings

Christmas concerts, open houses and a breakfast with Santa will soon have Andover residents eating, drinking, singing and thinking Christmas.

But first, the Andover Center Association will try to get residents shopping for Christmas, when it holds its annual **Holiday Open House** tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This traditional evening of entertainment and holiday cheer features events and activities for the whole

family, says a release.

Organizers encourage people to jump on their holiday shopping while enjoying holiday music, refreshments, hayrides and more.

Franciscan Christmas concert

Those with a different Christmas interest can turn their attention to an entirely separate event.

The Secular Franciscans will sponsor a Christmas concert by

Irish tenor Frank Patterson Thursday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Franciscan Center, 459 River Road.

The concert will include traditional Irish songs as well as Christmas songs.

Patterson has appeared several times on public television, says a release.

Those interested in more information or tickets, can call the center at 851-3391.

Santa and smiles

Finally, the Andover Center Association will also host its **Breakfast with Santa**, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall in downtown Andover.

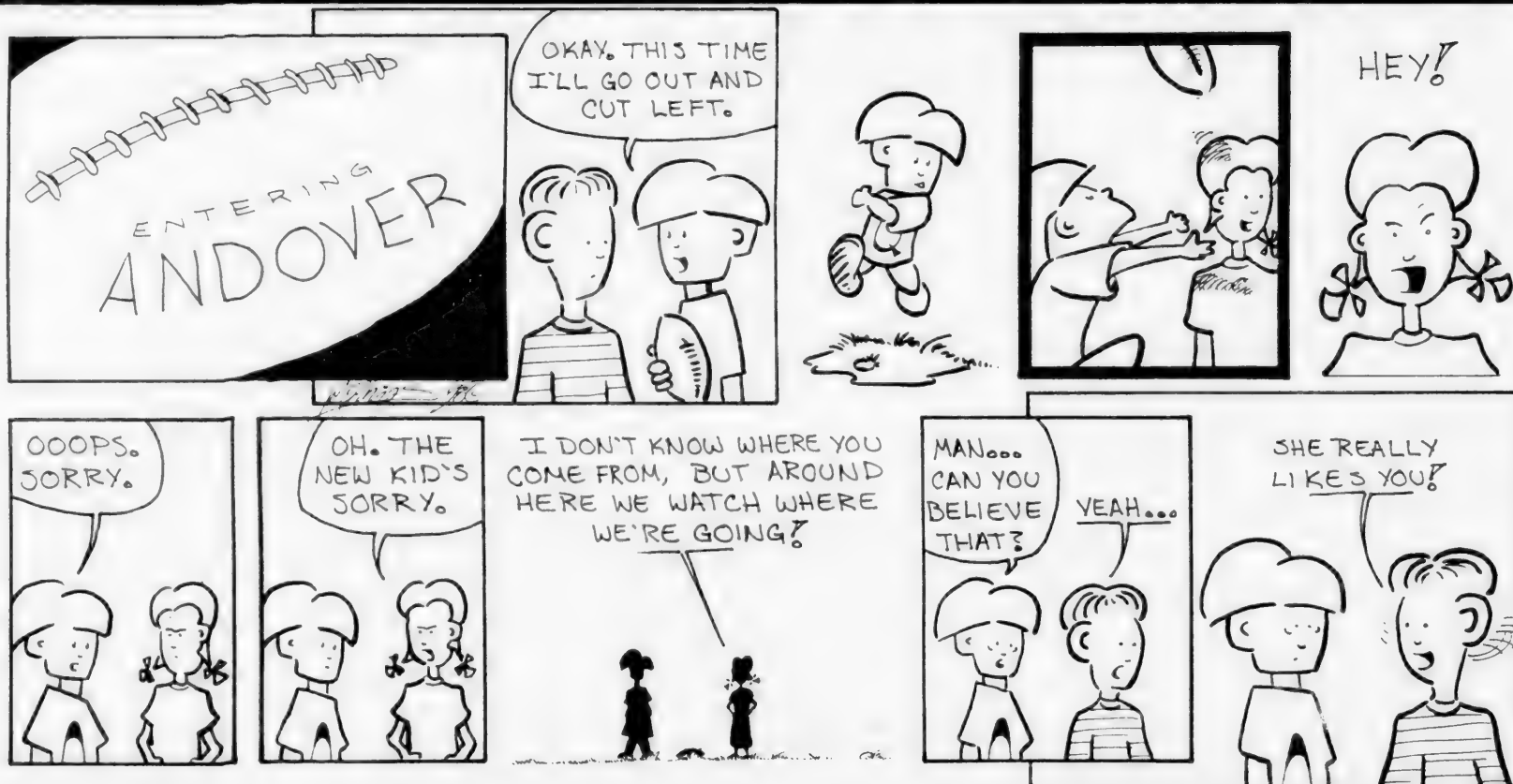
Kids can have breakfast and get a picture taken with Santa. Holiday music will be played.

Of course, if that's still not enough Christmas entertainment, one can always turn to the Brickstone Christmas tree, once again billed as the nation's largest.

The tree holds more than 30,000 multi-colored bulbs that require over eight miles of cable to light, according to press agents. The tree is topped with a three-foot snow flake.

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It's Christmas; 'Messiah' is coming

Around Christmastime, people can count on two things. There will be singing of *Messiah* and there will be some efforts to help those less fortunate.

In Andover, there will be plenty of both soon, as the Phillips Academy music department and The Andover Choral Society perform *Messiah* in the coming weeks.

In fact, the Phillips music department will sponsor its 11th annual holiday concert Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., featuring excerpts from Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*. This concert is given in support of Neighbors in Need, a food pantry in the Merrimack Valley, and the greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity. The program, under the direction of William Thomas, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the PA campus. The public is invited to support this benefit. General admission is \$5, and senior citizens and students may be admitted with a donation of nonperishable or canned food. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

Neighbors in Need prepares meals-in-a-

bag to be distributed daily at different locations throughout the Merrimack Valley.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical housing partnership committed to building affordable homes and communities. The houses are built with volunteer labor and are sold to qualified families.

The greater Lawrence Habitat group has just finished its 30th home, and currently is working on four more construction projects. The greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity will participate in a global village work camp to take place March 19-29, 1999, in Guatemala. The house construction is cinder block and there will be a variety of jobs to do.

Anyone interested in joining the Guatemalan Habitat group may call Richard Cummings at 681-8858.

The Andover Choral Society (ACS) will present its fifth annual community *Messiah* Sing at Free Christian Church on Elm Street, Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. This event provides a holiday opportunity for members of

the community to join members of the choral society in presenting in an informal setting the Christmas sections of the *Messiah* along with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Singers will be joined by prominent and rising young soloists from the Boston area, says a release. Leonard Ciampa will be the organist.

People who have *Messiah* scores are encouraged to bring them. Scores will be available at the door. A \$5 donation (children under 12 are free) is requested to defray expenses. Any surplus generated will go to a charitable cause.

The Andover Choral Society is conducted by Allen Combs. Now in his ninth season as music director, Combs teaches voice at Phillips Academy and is a professional soloist.

ACS is a not-for-profit organization established more than 68 years ago by J. Everett Collins. The group is currently preparing a performance of the Brahms Leibesleider Waltzes, as well as parody pieces by P.D.Q. Bach to be given Jan. 17, at 4 p.m. in South Church. For information on this performance or for membership details, call 687-8225.

Twice the fun at 'Animals' show

Duo pianists and sisters Elizabeth Ann Reed and Lydia Reed-Guertin will perform *Carnival of the Animals*, with music by Camille Saint Saens and poetry by Ogden Nash Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

The two have been performing together since 1983.

The sisters grew up in a musical family in the Boston area and both graduated from Boston University as piano performance



Two for the show - Elizabeth Ann Reed and Lydia Reed-Guertin at the library.

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major. In 1995, they delighted a Children's Room audience with a musical version of *The Nutcracker* and *the Mouse King*, says a release.

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THURSDAY, Dec. 3

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Carl Yard, 8 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-Laugh.

Annual meeting, Merrimack Valley YMCA, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, 8 a.m. meeting, Bishop's Restaurant, 99 Hampshire St., Lawrence; RSVP (978) 725-6681.

Holiday open house and auction, sponsored by Andover Historical Society, rooms decorated by volunteers from the Society, Andover Garden Club, Boston Flower Market, Village Garden Club, Limoge Antiques and Queen Falcon Antiques, refreshments, tours, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 97 Main St; 475-2236.

Pippin, sponsored by Phillips Academy Department of Theatre and Dance, 6:30 p.m., \$5, Tang Theatre, George Washington Hall, Chapel Avenue; 749-4433.

Auditions, Merrimack Junior Theatre's production of *Annie*, students in grades 7-10, 6-9 p.m., Doherty Middle School Auditorium, Bartlet Street; Corinne Gediman 475-3422.

FRIDAY, Dec. 4

Corduroy the Bear, sponsored by Crispin's Bears, Corduroy will autograph his books, 6-7:30 p.m. 23 Barnard St.; 470-3039.



Sign language - Grin and bear it.

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, featuring Victoria Jackson, Joe Matarese, PJ Walsh, 9 p.m., River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Comedy Palace Dinner Theater at the Grill, featuring *Joey and Maria's Wedding*, 7 p.m., River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Holiday for Strings concert, sponsored by New England String Ensemble, 8 p.m., \$18, \$15 seniors over 62, \$10 students under 18, Unitarian Universalist Church, 10 Church St., Gloucester; (781) 224-1117.

Holiday open house and auction, see entry under Thursday, Dec. 3.

Jingle Bells Christmas fair, handicap accessible, 6-9 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; 686-5712.

Student dance performance, sponsored by Northern Essex Community College dance department, 7:30 p.m., \$5, \$4 seniors, students with IDs, Sport and fitness Center, Elliot Way, Haverhill; Ernie Greenslade (978) 556-3862.

Open house, sponsored by Board of Trustees, Christmas carols, refreshments, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen.

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, handicap accessible, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue; 749-4263.

Pippin, 7:30 p.m., see entry under Thursday, Dec. 3.

Auditions, see entry under Thursday, Dec. 3.

SATURDAY, Dec. 5

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see entry under Friday, Dec. 4.

Song of the Nightingale, presented by Poobley Greey Puppet Theatre, children 5 and older, 1 p.m., \$6, \$9, Andover Puppet Theatre, Grill 93 Restaurant, River Road; 1-888-865-2844.

Holiday for Strings concert, Stoneham Town Hall Auditorium, 35 Central St. Stoneham, see entry under Friday, Dec. 4.

Christmas concert, sponsored by Treble Chorus of New England and Merrimack College Concert Choir, "Christmas at Merrimack.. Shepherds tell us Your Innocent Story," both choirs, conducted by Marie Stultz, artistic director of the Treble Chorus, perform selections from Mathias, Gabrielli and Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*, Christmas carol sing-along, \$15 reserved seating, \$10, \$5 students/child (CALENDAR continued on page 27)

TOWNSMAN TEASER



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dren under 14, Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, junction of Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; Maureen Lanigan 837-5448.

CD release

concert, by Songstreet Productions, featuring Ellis Paul and Friends and Diane Ziegler, 8 p.m., \$16, \$15, Somerville Theatre, Davis Sq., Somerville; Songstreet (617) 628-3390, Ticketmaster (617) 931-2000, Planetary Groove Productions (617) 469-2159.

Red Bow Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist, Old Center, North Andover; Carol Weldin 475-4515.

Concert, sponsored by Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 8 p.m., \$14, \$12 seniors, students 18 and under free, Central Congregational Church, Newburyport; 1-888-CHORUS-1.

Concert, featuring Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra, Collins Center; Michael Finegold 470-1584.

Artists' open studio tour, by Amesbury Cultural Council, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Amesbury; (978) 834-0676.

Opening reception, sponsored by the Brush Art Gallery and Studios, *Dreamweavers* exhibit, 2-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

A Celebration of Christmas, crafts, children's activities, holiday decorations, software, lunch, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 475-0529.



Ellis Paul, sans friends.

An Evening with Helen Reddy, 8 p.m., \$32, \$26, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Merrimack Street; (978) 454-2299.

Concert, songwriter, singer Catie Curtis, 8 p.m., \$12, New Moon Coffeehouse, Murray Room, Universalist Unitarian Church, junction of Routes 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.

Holiday house tour, sponsored by Newburyport Maritime Society, Lowell's Boat Shop and caretakers of the Custom House, 1:30-7:30 p.m., \$15, NMS members \$12 in advance, \$20 day of tour; Newburyport Maritime Museum (978) 462-8681.

Christmas Treasures Professional Craft Fair, sponsored by St. Augustine School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 26 Central St.; Deborah Charewicz 470-3710.

Holiday open house and auction, see entry under Thursday, Dec. 3.

Jingle Bells Christmas fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., breakfast with Santa 9-11 a.m., \$3 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, see entry under Friday, Dec. 4.

Student dance performance, see Entry under Friday, Dec. 4.

Corduroy the Bear, 2-4 p.m. see Friday, Dec. 4.

Merry Music Hall Christmas, featuring Fine Arts Brass Quintet, Great Organ, carol sing, 7 p.m., \$10 reserved seating, \$7.50, \$2.50 children, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; David Veit 688-2407.

Pippin, 7:30 p.m., see entry under Thursday, Dec. 3.

Kwanzaa celebration, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department and office of community and multi-cultural affairs, handicap accessible, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue; 749-4263.

Holiday concert, sponsored by New England Classical Singers, 8 p.m., tickets available at Andover Book Store, 89R Main St., \$10, \$7 seniors, students, St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St. (Route 62), North Reading; 688-2816.

SUNDAY, Dec. 6

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, featuring Gerroll Bennett, 8 p.m., \$8 cover charge, see entry under Friday, Dec. 4.

Victorian holiday tea, 2-4 p.m., \$20, \$15 seniors, museum members, \$10 children, Gazebo Cafe, American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Holiday for Strings concert, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Church, 166 High St., Newburyport, see Friday, Dec. 4 entry.

Hanukkah fair, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Hebrew Academy, 1-6 p.m., 18 Academy Drive, Lowell; (978) 452-6842.

Beauty and the Beast, sponsored by Arthur's Christmas Trees and Decorations, performed by Landis & Company Theatre of Magic, 2 and 4 p.m., \$9, \$7 groups of 10 or more, Durgin Hall, UMass Lowell South Campus, 35 Wilder St., Lowell; Fine Arts Box Office (978) 934-4444, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m.

Concert, by Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 4 p.m., \$14, \$12 seniors, free students 18 and under, Christ Church, Hamilton; 1-888-CHORUS-1.

Hike, sponsored by Andover Chapter of Appalachian Mountain Club, 1:30 p.m., Great Brook Farm State Park parking lot, Lowell Street, Chelmsford; Joe Pirrello (978) 521-0382.

Cradle roll, by Temple Emanuel, a Hanukkah program for children 3, 4 and 5 years old, 9 a.m., \$5 materials fee; 470-1356.

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Holiday social for widowed persons, sponsored by Widowed Persons Service, 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington; 475-8216.

Holiday open house, 2-5 p.m., Tupper Hall, Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127), Beverly; (978) 232-2012.

Holiday open house and auction, 2-3:30 p.m., see entry under Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Holiday open house, sponsored by North Andover Historical Society, 2-4 p.m., 153 Academy Road, North Andover; 686-4035.

Merry Music Hall Christmas, 3 p.m., see Saturday, Dec. 5.

Service of Lessons and Carols, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department and chaplaincy, handicap accessible, 4:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue; 749-4263.

TUESDAY, Dec. 8

Meeting, Andover/North Andover A.A.R.P. Chapter, Finnish/Scandinavian Christmas program, refreshments, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; Bob Sanborn 475-6698.

Meeting, Andover Garden Club, holiday designs with native and natural materials, refreshments, 12:30 p.m., \$3 nonmembers, Unitarian Church, 6 Locke St.; Mary Battles 475-4553.

Christmas joy luncheon, sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, demonstration of Christmas arrangement, musical performance, and a speaker, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$11, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Route 133; RSVP Ruth (978) 664-3901 or Dolly (781) 944-2228.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9

Meeting, Doherty Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC), 7:30 p.m., McGrail Media Center, Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street; Diane Hender 470-0869.

Auditions, *How the Other Half Lives*, parts for three males, three females, 7 p.m., Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300, MA only 800-287-PLAY.

Talk, sponsored by Pollard Memorial Library, Ingrid Kisliuk discusses her experiences as a hidden child during World War II's German occupation of Brussels, handicap accessible, 6:30 p.m., refreshments, 7 p.m. talk, lower auditorium, Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 970-4120.

THURSDAY, Dec. 10

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Larry Norton, see entry

under Thursday, Dec. 3.

Concert, featuring Irish tenor Frank Patterson, 8 p.m., \$25, Franciscan Center, 475 River Road; 851-3391.

Hanukkah party, sponsored by Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel-Andover, Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley and Hadassah, latkes, music, bring \$3-\$5 grab bag gift, 10 a.m., Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road; RSVP 470-1356.

FRIDAY, Dec. 11

Comedy Palace Dinner Theater at the Grill, featuring Maria's Bachelorette, see entry under Friday, Dec. 4.

Holiday concert, presented by Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m., \$15, \$12 seniors, students, Belleville Congregational Church, High Street, Newburyport; (978) 462-0650.

Holiday concert, by Phillips Academy music department, featuring excerpts from *Messiah*, benefit for Neighbors in Need and Habitat for Humanity, 7 p.m., \$5, seniors and students may be admitted with a donation of nonperishable or canned food, Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue; 749-4263.

SATURDAY, Dec. 12

Children's Christmas party, sponsored by North Andover VFW Post 2104, up to ages 12, 2 p.m., 32 Park St., North Andover; 687-9614.

Holiday concert, see entry under Friday, Dec. 11.

Concert, sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church, featuring Schola Cantorum of Boston, 8 p.m., \$12, \$6 students, seniors, 124 River Road, Topsfield; (978) 887-5570.

Concert, featuring David Dodson, 8 p.m., \$10, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, Academy Road, North Andover; 749-7025.

Musical program, sponsor: Friends of the Library, pianists Lydia and Elizabeth Reed perform *Carnival of the Animals*, for children ages 5-11, 2 p.m., tickets available in Children's Room, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; 623-8400.

SUNDAY, Dec. 13

Hanukkah party, sponsored by Havurat Shalom, bring unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots, menorah, appetizer or dessert, 2-5 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street, nonmembers \$8 family, \$3; Sally Palmer (978) 887-5933.

Holiday concert, 2 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 11.

First light celebration, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, ushering in the first night celebration of Hanukkah, family concert, deli dinner, 4 p.m., outdoor lighting ceremony at 6:15 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at door, \$5 children under 18, seniors over 60 in advance, \$7 at door, Temple Beth El, Lowell; 688-0466.

Sounds of the Season, holiday music to benefit Neighbors in Need, \$10 adults, \$5 children, seniors, 2 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 685-8321.

Holiday concert, featuring Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale, 2:30 p.m., \$12, \$8 seniors, students, \$3 children, St. Michael's Church, Bridge Street, Lowell; 685-3505.

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My Three Angels, a Christmas in French Guiana, through Dec. 20, Thursday-Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m., Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m., \$20-\$29, show only \$10.50-\$12.50, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.



Angels in the (South American) outback.

Eastern Standard, presented by Quannapowitt Players, sophisticated commentary on love in the '90s with adult language, Keith Sherman of Andover is involved in the production, Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 4, 5, 8 p.m., \$10, \$9 students/senior citizens, 55 Hopkins St., Reading; (781) 942-2212.

Phantom, musical by Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit, through Dec. 13, Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, Dec. 3, 10, 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, 11, 8 p.m., Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12, 4, 8 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 6, 13, 3 p.m., \$20/18 seniors and youth, Saturday evenings, \$22/20, Firehouse Center, Market Square, Newburyport; box office 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (978) 462-7336.

The Boys Next Door, comedy about men whose mental handicaps are touching and funny, through Dec. 20, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m., \$18-\$31, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-

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Every Day is Christmas, Dec. 3-20, reservations required, Friday-Saturday dinner 6:15 p.m., show 8:30 p.m., Sunday matinee dinner noon, show 2 p.m., \$18.95-\$25.95, Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300, or in MA only, 800-287-PLAY

The Nutcracker, presented by Boston Ballet, through Jan. 3, \$12-\$59, Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston; Tele-charge (800) 447-7400.

The Nutcracker, presented by Ballet Theatre of Boston, Dec. 9-27, \$28, \$22, \$18, \$9, \$17, Emerson Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., Boston; Majestix (617) 824-8000.

The Nutcracker, presented by Ballet Theatre of Boston, Dec. 5, 2 and 7 p.m., Dec. 6, 2 p.m., \$22.50, \$19.50, \$17, Lowell High School Center for the Performing Arts, 50 Father Morissette Boulevard, Lowell; TicketMaster (617) 931-2000.

A Christmas Carol, musical, Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 8 p.m., Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 2 p.m., \$28-\$36, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly;



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Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit: Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, currently on display is "Bee's Knees: Ceramics," library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting

life from 1715-1830, permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

Lowell National Historic Park, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, Suffolk Mill Water Power Tour, Boott Gallery, 40 Foot of John Street; Suffolk Mill Turbine Exhibit, noon-4:30 p.m.; tours include Nature of the Merrimack; Canal and River Cruise; Harnessing the Merrimack; Pawtucket Canal Tour; Working People Exhibit; Boott Cotton Mills Muse-

um, open Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 seniors, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

Nature of the Merrimack boat tours, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, two-hour boat tour along Pawtucket Canal, through Guard Locks lock chamber onto Merrimack River, participate in water quality testing and locate schools of fish, Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.

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Christ Church's annual Christmas Fair involves the whole parish

Christ Church, at 25 Central St., will hold its annual Christmas Fair this Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and there is some wheelchair access.

The Andover tradition includes almost every parishioner in some way. Church members have been baking, cooking and making hand-crafted items all year.

In addition to handmade items, Christmas greens, books, computer software and children's activities will be available. Lunch will be provided by Dana Wilson of Raspberries.

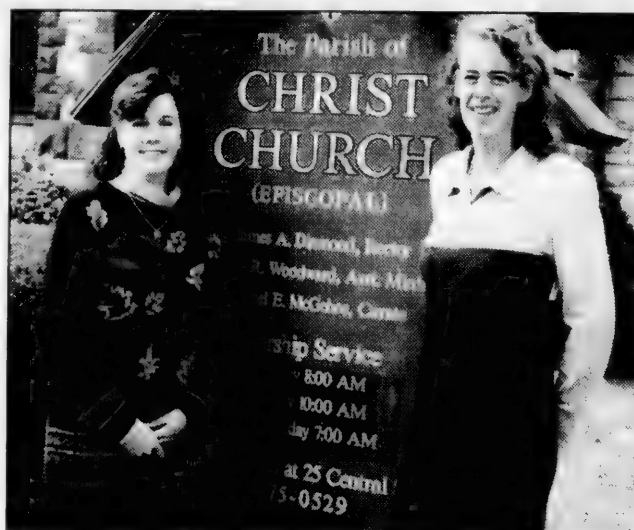
As always, Christ Church will donate 10 percent of its proceeds to an outside group. The fair committee has chosen Iglesia de Dios as the recipient. This Lawrence parish will now be able to make necessary improvement to its children's worship center.

Andover Garden Club plans special December meeting, Holiday Designs

This Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Andover Garden Club will hold its December meeting, Holiday Designs. Gloria Freitas will demonstrate how to use native and natural materials to decorate homes for the holidays. AGC is reportedly delighted to welcome her this year as speaker, as she was called away this time last year to help decorate the White House.

Gloria Freitas is a popular lecturer and demonstrator throughout the United States and abroad, and has made guest appearances on Boston's major television channels. She is a past president of the Easton Garden Club; is on the Board of Governors of the International Design Symposium Ltd.; is a member of the American Guild of Flower Arrangers and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society; and is accredited nationally as a Master Flower Judge in the Garden Club Federation. She is past chairman of its Massachusetts Judges Council.

Her honors and awards include being a featured speaker at the Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom";



Chairwomen for this year's Christmas Fair at Christ Church are Lisa Stift (left) and Lisa Miller. The fair takes place this Saturday.

representing Massachusetts for the National Council of State Garden Clubs "Golden Anniversary Celebration" in Washington, D.C.; and participating in the floral decoration of the National Cathedral; and receiving major awards in competition at the World Association of Flower Arrangers and in the International Design Symposium Flower Shows.

This holiday program begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.

A choice of coffee or tea and a selection of desserts are served first with the program to follow. Members of the Andover Garden Club, their guests, and the public are invited and encouraged to attend. A non-member fee of \$3 is payable at the door.

For additional information regarding the Holiday Designs December program, or the Andover Garden Club, call membership chair Mary Battles at 475-4553.

Intermarried couples' discussion group

A support/discussion group for intermarried couples will be offered at Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Sundays, Dec. 6 and 13, from 9 to

10:30 a.m. Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein will be the group leader/facilitator.

The goal of the sessions is to encourage dialogue between members of intermarried couples as well as foster connections among intermarried families in the community. The program is open to all intermarried couples as well as those in which a conversion may have occurred. Temple membership is not required. Child care for toddler-age children will be provided by prior reservation. For reservations or more information, call the Temple office at 470-1356.

Collecting for Bread & Roses, Si Se Puede

ERA/The Webster Group is holding a holiday gift collection for Bread and Roses and Si Se Puede (Yes, It is Possible - a small neighborhood program in Merimack Courts Housing Project in Lawrence), for children ages 6-15. A Christmas tree at its 2 Stevens St. office has Christmas stockings with a child's name, age and request for a specific Christmas wish (gift). Though not very costly, the importance of these special requests can make a child's Christmas morning a happy, memorable one.

ERA/The Webster Group also has requests for 56 size extra-large Thinsulate gloves in black, brown and gray.

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Family Service Inc., a social service agency in Lawrence and Andover, is recruiting 50 local professionals to become mentors for high school students in the after-school program, Kids and Careers. The program allows students to learn about the workplace by working side by side with their mentors every other week. On the alternate week, students share their experiences with each other and learn basic job skills. Call Lisa Sullivan at 683-9505.

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BIRTHS

AIKMAN - A son, Kyle Robert, born to Doug and Diane Aikman of Marblehead on Oct. 30 at Salem Hospital. Grandparents are Donald and Deborah Aikman of North Andover, formerly of Andover; Judy Brenconier of Salem and Robert Brannconier of Peabody. Great-grandmother is Edythe J. Read of Chatham.

ANDERSON - A son, Daniel Ross, born to Michael and Susan Anderson of Wellesley Hills on Oct. 27. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ross D. Margraves Jr. of Houston, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Werner Anderson of Andover. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Otto Shipley of Austin, Texas, Mrs. Lockhart Nolen of Lafayette, La., Mrs. Ross Margraves of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Joseph Miller of Zephyr Hills, Fla.

BROSAN - A daughter, Amanda Grace, born to Kevin and Laurie Brosnan of Dean Circle on Nov. 13 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Grandparents are Barbara and Dick Collins of Andover and Margaret and Michael Brosnan of Springfield. Great-grandmother is Frances A. Beechner of Lincoln, Nebr. Amanda has a sister, Caroline, 17 months.

CORVENE - A son, Timothy Ingram, born to Nancy Ingram and William Corvene of Melrose on Sept. 26 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are John and Pat Ingram of Andover and Peg Williams of Wellfleet. Timothy has a brother, Benjamin, and two sisters, Catherine and Hannah.

DONOVAN - A son, John Harold Jr., born to Shelby and Jack Donovan of 236 Andover St. on Oct. 27 at Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan of Danvers and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thayne of Nashua, N.H.

HARDOCK - A daughter, Taylor Marilyn, born to J. Michael and Jennifer (Bardetti) Hardock of Dunstable on Oct. 26 at Emerson Hospital. Grandparents are Joseph and Marilyn Bardetti and Richard and Dorothy Hardock, all of Andover.

HIGGINS - A daughter, Maren Brynn, born to Mark and Cynthia (Bro) Higgins of East Hampstead, N.H., on Oct. 13 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Frank and Suzanne Higgins of Andover and Manville and Marjorie Bro of Wilmington, Del. Great-grandmother is Irene D. Morin of Andover.

O'REILLY - A daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, born to Christopher and MaryBeth

(Ferris) O'Reilly of Andover on Nov. 23 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth Ferris of Hopedale and William and Alice O'Reilly of Andover. "Katie" joins Conor.

ROOS - A daughter, Hannah Maddocks, born to Michael and Elizabeth Roos of 5 Buchan Road on Nov. 9. Grandparents are Mrs. Ray B. Greene Jr. of Needham and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Roos of Shelton, Conn. Hannah has a sister, Carolyn.

RYAN - A daughter, Emily Kathleen, born to John and Kathleen (Veno) Ryan of Wakefield on Oct. 16 at Winchester Hospital in Winchester. Grandparents are Leonard and Mary Veno of Andover and John and Ruthann Ryan of Northampton. Great-grandparents are Elwin and Kathleen Kelliher of Andover and James Ryan of Florence.

TOBIN - A son, Justin Andrew, born to Eric J. and Angela R. (Calzetta) Tobin of North Andover on Nov.

11 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Grandparents are Madelina Calzetta of North Andover and the

late John Calzetta and Frank and Connie Tobin of Tucson, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Paulina Greco of North

Andover and Irene Bernier of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Justin has a sister, Amanda.

Back in Town.



Dr. David M. O'Connell, M.D., has returned to the community after two years of service in the U.S. Army. He is now practicing at the Winchester Hospital, where he has been a member of the staff since 1996. Dr. O'Connell is a board-certified internist and a member of the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Dr. O'Connell's practice at Winchester Hospital is now affiliated with the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He is currently accepting patients for general internal medicine, including hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and other chronic conditions. He also provides preventive care, including physical exams and health counseling.

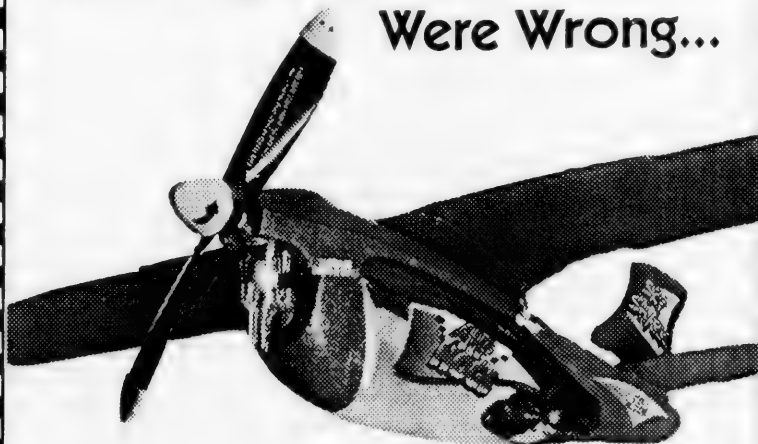
Dr. O'Connell is also a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He is currently accepting patients for general internal medicine, including hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and other chronic conditions. He also provides preventive care, including physical exams and health counseling.

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SOCIAL NOTES

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with 17 mentors. Students were exposed to a variety of careers, including media, banking, investments, hotel and restaurant management, hairdressing and veterinary medicine. Meaningful relationships were created and the kids were inspired to think about their futures in positive ways. One participant said, "It gave me a chance to think about my future."

New art books at the Library

Memorial Hall Library recently purchased new art books on the subject of contemporary art. Such artists as Conrad Richter, George Baselitz, Louise Bourgeois, Chuck Close, Joseph Beuys, Cy Twombly, Tony Cragg, Robert Gober, Eva Hesse, Rebecca Horn, Sigmar Polke, and Richard Serra might not be household names, but they are important figures in today's art world. The library has purchased at least one title on each of the above artists. These titles are being placed on the oversized section the "new book" shelf and are available for circulation.

By Pat Becker

The Senior Center extends its appreciation to everyone who supported the recent holiday fair, especially the craft group, volunteers, bakers and those who came out to shop. The fair would not be successful without the support of so many seniors.

Nutcracker at the Wang Center

The Senior Center presently has a few seats left for the Dec. 11 trip to *The Nutcracker* at the Wang Center.

Holiday party Dec. 9

Tickets for the holiday party, Wednesday, Dec. 9, beginning with lunch at 11:30 a.m. are going quickly. Reservations may be made at the center. The cost is \$4.

Vienna Boys Choir

Tickets for the holiday concert of the Vienna Boys Choir Saturday,

Dec. 19, at Lowell Memorial Auditorium are \$35, which includes mezzanine seating and bus transportation.

Men's holiday breakfast

The monthly men's breakfast will take place tomorrow, Dec. 4, at 8:30 a.m. Wives are invited to attend with the husbands. Dave Harding, project manager of the new senior center building project, will be the speaker. Doherty Middle School handbell choir will provide entertainment. Call the center to make a reservation.

Cereal boxtops

The Senior Center is helping Andover School of Montessori collect cereal boxtops from General Mills products in its boxtops for education program. Bring boxtops to the Senior Center and deposit them in the special box on the front counter.

Poinsettia and pie sale

Whether your favorite pie is pumpkin, apple, blueberry, mince, chocolate silk or something else, the center will have it Friday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. Drop by and treat yourself to a slice. Holiday plants and Christmas crafts and decorations will also be available. Donations of homemade cookies are needed.

Fix-it shop

Volunteers will be on hand Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to take a look at any small household items or appliances in need of repair.

Movie matinee

City of Angels, an American adaptation of Wim Wenders' *Wings of Desire*, will be the movie Monday, Dec. 7, at 12:30 p.m. An angel, played by Nicholas Cage, falls in love with a mortal, played by Meg Ryan. Andover Video makes the center's movie days possible.



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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 years ago

There was no session of the public schools Monday.

Fred A. Well, assistant paymaster's clerk in the regular army, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. J. Warren Berry has been visiting her daughter, Miss Fannie Berry, who is teaching in Connecticut.

Thomas M. Lunan of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology spent the Thanksgiving recess in town.

Arthur Cox and Family have moved from Summer Street to the new Ramsdell house on Whittier Street.

Alexander Wilson of Frye Village is critically ill.

The stringed quartet of Phillips Academy will give a musical in P.A. Hall, Saturday December 17, at 4:30 p.m. There will be no admission and the public is invited to attend.

The heavy storm and delayed trains made it neces-

sary to postpone the first lecture on Household Management until Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 11 o'clock, at the Guild House. Course tickets are \$2 for six lectures, single tickets 35 cents.

The St. John's football team came to Andover on Saturday afternoon and defeated the local eleven 3 to 1 in a hotly contested game. The St. John's team played fine ball and was loudly cheered by the crowd.

50 years ago

The ban on all-night street parking went into effect Dec. 1 and will remain operative until next spring. Police chief George F. Dane says all cars left on the streets after 11 p.m. will be towed to a garage at the expense of the car owner. He states that car owners have been very cooperative in the past; there were less than half a dozen cars towed away last winter. The ban on all-night parking of motor vehicles on

the streets is made each year to assist in snow removal operations during the winter. Police officers have been instructed to enforce this ordinance and officers in cruisers will be especially alert for these violations as they tour the streets.

The body of PFC Melville Wakefield Whipple, U.S. Army, who was killed in action in France January 10, 1945, is being sent here for burial and will arrive at the Andover station on the 4:25 p.m. train today. His mother, the former Dorothy Wakefield, who survives him, is an Andover native. Delegations of local veteran organizations will meet the body and act as an escort to the Lundgren Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery. Deceased was a resident of Cambridge.

The Punchard High Football team completed a most successful season Thanksgiving Day

by defeating its archrival Johnson, 12 to 7 at the Andover Playstead before a capacity crowd. Both touchdowns were the results of Dwyer to Deveaux aerials and the North Andover score was made by Joe Driscoll's line-buck. The triumph, which copped the "Little Three Championship" for Punchard, was the seventh of the year for the club while suffering only two losses to Concord, the Eastern Massachusetts Class "C" Champion, and Lexington. The Andover boys, although favored to win because of their season's record, were forced to come from behind in the third quarter to score the deciding touchdown. Johnson had many good breaks during the game, but failed to take advantage of them.

The Andover Housing Authority announces that it has selected the site for the construction of local housing units for veterans. The site is off the easterly extension of Morton

Street as it swings down the hill toward Chestnut Street and is on the westerly side of the street. The area selected contains four and a half acres and extends down the hill to Rogers Brook. In selecting this location for the construction of the 56 dwelling units of the garden type for which \$560,000 has been allowed by the state, the local board noted that it is accessible to schools and to playgrounds, and that water is available. The state board has approved the site only on condition that the town construct a sewer there. At present the nearest sewer is on Chestnut Street, and it would be necessary to extend it up the hill about 200 feet. Approval of the state board is also conditioned on the local board getting a change in zoning to allow the garden type of dwelling to be constructed in that area. The multifamily type of dwelling known as garden apartments is the style which state authorities have approved for

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25 years ago

The Andover School Committee Tuesday night voted to present a preliminary 1974-75 budget of \$8,750,000 to the Town Manager by Saturday's deadline required by law. The Committee will then go into public work sessions beginning next Tuesday, to

discuss the budget line by line. A lesser amount, if history serves, will most likely be presented to the Town Meeting in March. In addition to the \$8.7 million is a \$651,000 item of deferred salaries, which will appear separately on the Town Warrant. The \$9,081,083 preliminary budget proposed by the administration in order to allow more "options" for discussion in coming weeks, was rejected by a 3-2 vote Tuesday night. Committeemen William Lane and William King gave their temporary approval to the higher figure. Chairman Francis Griggs, who broke the tie vote to defeat the higher limit, insisted the lesser amount was not a "cut" but a "decrease in the increase." The proposed budget would

increase the salaries account by \$368,925 and expenses by \$540,000. The administration's preliminary budget would have increased salaries allotments by \$503,204 and expenses by \$747,500.

The Andover plant of Raytheon Missile Systems Division has been awarded the Craftsmanship Award, the highest award in the Department of Defense Zero Defects Program. Vice President Joseph Glasser, manager of the Andover plant, was notified of the award in a letter from Lt. Gen. E.M. Flanagan Jr., Comptroller of the Army. In the letter, General Flanagan cited as "particularly noteworthy accomplishments" the employees 97

percent participation rate in the program and the reduction of defects in excess of the established goals. Presentation of the award took place during the "Zero Defects Craftsmanship Day" at Andover. Special events of the day included a roast beef dinner for all employees, compliments of management. The dinner was followed by a ceremony where the award was presented by Capt. M.W. Harris, USN. Earlier in the day supervisors had distributed pins to employees whose contributions helped to receive the award. Coffee and cold drinks from vending machines were free all day.

Darling Associates Inc. of Andover, has been awarded honorable mention in the Office Interiors category of the 29th annual advertising awards contest sponsored by the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers.

10 years ago

Five bus companies are seeking to replace the recently-disposed Merrimac Transportation Co. as the recipient of a state subsidy for providing commuter bus service between the Merrimack Valley and Boston. Several are familiar names to local bus riders. Trombly Motor Coach of Dracut and the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority currently operate school pickup and public transportation services in Andover and throughout the area. Michaud Bus Lines of Salem, Mass., has run commuter business in Haverhill, while the Smith Co. provides a wide range of bus services out of nearby Plaistow, N.H. The fifth firm, Brighton-based Transport, is a motor coach tour business seeking to expand its operations in public transport. The Merrimack Valley to Boston route, which serves about 600 passengers daily during the week, has become attractive because the route is subsidized by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, say company officials from each firm interviewed.

Representative Sue Tucker has been awarded a fellowship to participate in the 1989 European Community's Visitor's Program. The Visitor's Program is sponsored by the European Parliament for the purpose of fostering international understanding of European political, economic, and social institutions. Fifty individuals from several countries are selected each year in a program to spend three weeks as guests of the European Community. Participants write their own study program and visit two countries in addition to the European Commission in Brussels and the Parliament in Strausborg. In Europe, Representative Tucker plans an intensive review of education and environmental policies in several countries. She will be meeting government and industry leaders responsible for environmental protection and energy policy. She then concluded her program would enhance, not interfere with, her legislative duties.

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RELIGION NEWS

Observing Advent at Christ Church

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In the season of Advent, Christians are asked to slow down, to prepare their hearts, minds, and souls for the coming of Christ through prayer, reading of scripture, silence, reflection, contemplation, and acts of loving service. This is quite a task in the midst of the frenzy of buying, spending, holiday eating, decorating, singing and playing Christmas carols.

Parishioners at Christ Church begin the season with an Advent dinner and wreath-making. The Advent wreath is a circle of greens with three purple candles and one pink candle, which are lighted on the successive Sundays in Advent, as a reminder of the coming light of Jesus Christ.

The Anglican tradition has long offered a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols. The reading of scripture and singing of hymns conveys the sense of waiting and yearning that defines Advent. Christ Church will offer this service this Sunday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Linda H. Ricketts, associate to the rector, will offer a special time for silence and reflection with an Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Three short meditations

will be followed by time to be still, pray, write, meditate, walk in silence. This will end with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

On Sunday mornings in Advent, services begin by lighting the candles of the Advent wreath in the church. A three-part Advent sermon series, "The Advent Prophecies - Isaiah and the Messiah," by the Rev. James A. Diamond began Nov. 29 and will continue Dec. 13 and 20.

The "Aha" Experience' at the UU Congregation

"The UU 'Aha' Experience" or "A Religion That Does Not 'Convert'" will be the Rev. Peter T. Richardson's sermon theme this Sunday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m. worship in the Unitarian Universalist

Congregation, 6 Locke St.

During the service, the Cub Scout "Love & Help Award" will be presented.

Interfaith service of remembrance is Sunday

Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center and Merrimack Valley Hospice will co-sponsor an interfaith service of remembrance this Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 114 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill. The service will offer family and friends the opportunity to remember loved ones who have died.

Guest speaker will be practicing psychotherapist Ashley Davis Prend, A.C.S.W., author of *Transcending Loss: Understanding the*

Lifelong Impact of Grief and How to Make it Meaningful.

Clergy participating in the program will be the Rev. Fredrick E. Sweeney of St. John the Baptist Church, the Rev. Judith Thomson of Merrimack Valley Hospice, V. Rev. Makarios J. Niakaros of the Church of the Holy Apostles, and Rabbi Ira L. Korinow of Temple Emanu-El.

Those interested in attending the service should call Rick Barry at H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home at (978) 372-9311; Nancy Thornton at Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center at (978) 374-9257; or Patti Privitera at Merrimack Valley Hospice at 1-800-933-5593.

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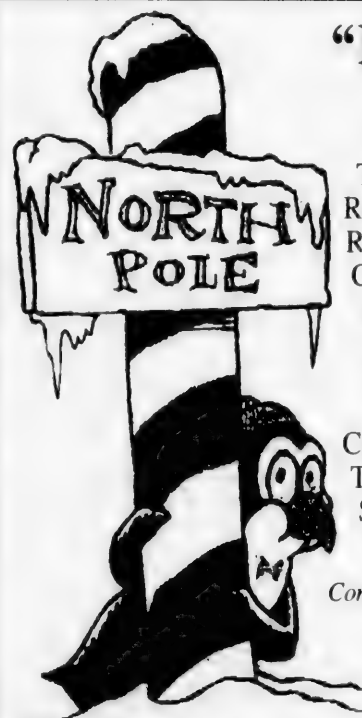
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Yoang H. Jung Local attorney worked for Department of Revenue

Atty. Yoang H. Jung, of 80 Central St., also known as Chang Yoang H. Jung and Chang Yi, died Sunday, Nov. 29, at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mr. Jung was born in Seoul, Korea, the son of the late Ha Buk and Jung Hee Kim Jung of Korea. He had lived in Andover for 11 years.

Mr. Jung received his law degree from Suffolk University. Currently, he was an attorney for the Department of Revenue with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was previously employed by the Division of Employment Services, the Department of Welfare, and Massachusetts Officers of Refugee Resettlement.

Jung was vice president of the

Asian American Civic Association, Church, and Dr. Sang Seek Park, ambassador past president of the Korean-American Society of New England and a member of the Advisory Commission of the Northeast Region of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and Massachusetts Developmental Disability Council.

He received a Presidential Citation from the Republic of Korea for distinguished community service.

Mr. Jung appeared in the ABOUT OUR PEOPLE section of the *Townsmen*

July 16, 1987 in "An Extraordinary Life: War Orphan Battles Odds, Settles in Andover," and on Aug. 11, 1988 in "Man and Family Together after 40 Years." A picture of him and his children, Jia and Ji Eun, with Gov. Michael Dukakis, Sue Tucker, the Rev. Dr. Calvin Mutti of South



Yoang H. Jung

Won Ku Jung of Medford; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St.

Arrangements are by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Church.

Etta E. Chadwick Was an active member of Free Christian Church

Etta E. (Brown) Chadwick, 95, of Andover died Saturday, Nov. 21, at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Mrs. Chadwick was born and educated in Andover and was a resident for 90 years.

She graduated from McIntosh Business School

Deaths Elsewhere

BROWN — David L. Brown, 39, of Lawrence died Sunday, Nov. 22, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Brown attended the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School in Andover.

GOLDSTEIN — Edward J. Goldstein, 88, of Swampscott died Monday, Nov. 23, in a local nursing home.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Janice Goldstein of Andover.

in Lawrence and worked for the Andover Companies for 20 years before she retired.

Mrs. Chadwick was a member of Free Christian Church and sang in the choir for more than 60 years. She was a member and a leader of the Women's Union, Margaret Slattery Class and the Flounders Circle. She hosted the bean suppers and afternoon "teas" at the church.

Members of her family include sister, Lillian LeLacheur of Ayer; stepdaughter, Ruth Ann Darrow of California; nieces, Joan C. Beaulieu of Andover and Judith L. Lambert of Townsend; and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was the widow of Thomas Chadwick.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 25, in Free Christian Church. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover 01810.

Richard C. Germaine Was a service manager for GM

Richard C. Germaine, 85, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Friday, Nov. 20, at home.

Mr. Germaine was born in Andover and moved from Lawrence to Spring Hill in 1975.

He was a service manager for General Motors.

Members of his family include his wife, Betty

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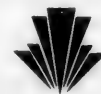
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OBITUARIES

Richard C. Germaine

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B. (Zarth) Germaine of Spring Hill, Fla.; son and daughter-in-law, David and Virginia Germaine of West Orange, N.J.; and two granddaughters.

Following cremation, burial was in Florida Hills Memorial Gardens.

Ruth C. King

Andover native was very involved with her family

Ruth Catherine (Gillespie) King, 69, of Salem, N.H., died Saturday, Nov. 21, at home.

Mrs. King was born in Andover. She had lived in Tewksbury before she moved to Salem 18 months ago.

Mrs. King was very involved with her family.

Members of her family include her husband, John C. King of Salem; daughters, Sharon Clark of Hobe Sound, Fla., and her husband, Robert Clark, Nancy Kavanagh of Framingham and her husband, Edward Kavanagh, Robin Desmond of Milford and her husband, Brian Desmond, and Deborah King of South Windsor, Conn.; brother, Thomas Gillespie of Lawrence; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was the mother of the late Ruth Louise King.

A memorial service was held Saturday in South Church. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by Goundrey Funeral Home in Salem, N.H.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, North Regional Center, 66 Y Concord St., Wilmington, MA 01887-2127.

Richard M. Sullivan

Was a district manager for American Oil Co.

Attorney Richard M. Sullivan, 92, of Andover died Monday, Nov. 23, at Bay State Medical Center in Springfield.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home.

Mr. Sullivan was born and educated in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High. He graduated from Villanova University in 1928 and from Northeastern University Law School in 1932.

He had been living in Andover since 1935.

Mr. Sullivan was a lieutenant commander in the Navy during World War II.

He was a district manager for American Oil Co. of Boston.

Mr. Sullivan entered private law practice in Andover in 1962 and was a member of the American Bar Association.

Members of his family include his sons, Richard M. Sullivan Jr. of Lillian, Ala., and Anthony R. Sullivan of Bloomfield, Conn.; daughter, M. Sheila Sullivan of Wilbraham; brother, Frank Sullivan of South Yarmouth; sister, Grace

Jagling of Brockton; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the widower of Mary (Fleming) Sullivan and Vivienne (Leong) Sullivan and father of the late Lawrence J. Sullivan.

A funeral Mass was said Saturday in St. Augustine Church. Burial was in West Parish Garden Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Nancy M. Abbott

Retired Abbot executive secretary

Nancy Miles Abbott, 74, of Manchester, Ga., died Tuesday, Nov. 24, at home.

Mrs. Abbott was born in Essex County. She was a former resident of Andover.

The retired executive secretary for Abbot Academy was previously an executive secretary with Lincoln Giles Construction.

Mrs. Abbott was a member of Manchester Women's Club and had lived in Manchester for two years.

Members of her family include her husband, Richard W. Abbott of Manchester; daughter, Carolyn Chantos of Tavares, Fla.; sons, Richard D. Abbott of Pine Mountain, Ga., and David Abbott of Kingston, N.H.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Friday at the Chapel of Cox Funeral Home in Manchester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Columbus, Ga.

Robert A. Simon

Retired federal criminal investigator

Robert A. Simon, 72, of Lady Lake, Fla., died of a heart attack in his sleep Wednesday, Sept. 2, at home.

Mr. Simon was born in Andover, the son of Walter and Sophie Simon. He lived on Hall Avenue in the Ballardvale section and graduated from the former Punchard High School in 1944.

Simon had a BS in marine transportation from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and a BS in geology from Tufts University.

He was a retired U. S. Navy veteran with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Simon moved to Lady Lake from Miami in 1990.

He was a retired federal criminal investigator with 30 years of government service, having served 25 years in the U.S. Navy and the CIA.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of UDT (Underwater Demolition Teams) Seals, Fraternal Order of Police, the Federal Investigating Association, and a life member of the DAV Association (Disabled Veterans).

Members of his family include his wife, Delores B. Simon of Lady Lake, Fla.; one daughter, two sons, and four grandsons.

A funeral service was held Sept. 8 at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel in Lady Lake, Fla. Burial was in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla., with full military honors conducted by the Lake County War Veterans Honor Guard.

Dorothy M. O'Brien

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Dorothy M. (Ineson) O'Brien, 82,

of Andover died Friday, Nov. 27, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. O'Brien was born in Chelmsford. She moved to Lawrence when she was 5 years old and was a graduate of Lawrence High School. She moved to Andover 15 years ago.

Members of her family include her sons and daughters-in-law, Richard G. and Elaine O'Brien of Andover, William E. and Judith O'Brien of Hampton, N.H., and Herbert J. and Pauline O'Brien of Methuen; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Disease Association of Massachusetts, 720 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

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Carla Burns

Burns has been selling real estate in the Merrimack Valley for the last 14 years and has been with RE/MAX Preferred for seven years.

Arnold made partner at Foley, Hoag & Eliot

Foley, Hoag & Eliot announced that it has invited Beth E. Arnold, of Andover, to join the partnership. Thomas M.S. Hemnes, chairman of the Intellectual Property Group, said, "We are pleased to recognize the contributions Beth has made to our IP practice. She is a highly regarded patent attorney, who is leading the firm's expansion in the patent area of life sciences."

Arnold is the first partner at Foley, Hoag & Eliot to specialize in patent prosecution. According to Hemnes, the Patent Group totals 18 out of an Intellectual Property Group of more than 40. "We now have one of the largest intellectual property practice groups within a large, general practice firm in New England," he said.

Arnold has more than 10 years of experience in obtaining worldwide patent protection on biotechnologies and products and in negotiating and drafting technology agreements. Her clients include medical and agricultural companies at all stages of development, and research institutions involved with commercializing products resulting from biotechnological research.

She was formerly an in-house patent counsel at Genzyme Corporation, where she was active in building patent portfolios protecting in-house research and in acquiring complementary external patents rights.

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, with a bachelor's degree in marine biology (1983), she also has a master's degree in molecular biology from Boston University (1986) and her J.D. from Northeastern University (1989).

Just how main should Main Street be?

Everybody agrees with the concept. And no wonder. Who wouldn't want \$2.6 million to fix up Main Street in Andover?

But, as is almost always the case, the devil is in the details.

And at a meeting on the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving, where about 100 showed up to hear a presentation on the preliminary design of improvements to the street — running all the way from Shawsheen Plaza south to Phillips Academy — it was clear that not everybody had the same idea of what those details should be.

On the one hand was design consultant David Giangrande (an Andover resident, who also wrote the grant application to the Massachusetts Highway Department, in behalf of the town), who explained a proposal that would improve street markings, traffic lights, intersections and some sidewalks.

On the other hand were those like Selectman Larry Larsen, who came expecting to hear mostly about pedestrian improvements, "and heard that we've spent a great deal of time and money rearrange intersections and the street."

Besides sidewalks, Larsen also wanted to hear about street lighting improvements "that would make Andover look like it used to," about benches for pedestrians to rest, about more trees and more trash barrels.

But, he says, "the state made it clear that those amenities were not (involved)."

He's right, says Town Planner Steve Colyer, who adds that from the beginning he has "tried to clarify every time I've spoken about it that this is a traffic and safety grant. It's a very linear project, which is primarily focused on signals, crosswalks, pavement markings — things like that. It doesn't cover soft and fuzzy, touchy-feely things that people associate with streetscapes."

But Colyer also emphasizes that this first meeting was very preliminary, and that there will be considerable time for more public participation before the plans become final.

The Planning Board has scheduled a meeting Dec. 16 focused on the preliminary plan. And there will be several other hearings next year — when the design work is 25 percent done and then 75 percent done — to allow even more public comment.

Colyer says it may even be possible to convince the state to allow "some of these softer elements" into the design.

That possibility would please not only Larsen, but members of DANA (Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association) as well. Spokesman Dennis Ryan says he thinks the pre-Thanksgiving meeting "was a very good hearing," and that he understands the money is "coming from Mass Highway, not Mass Pedestrian."

But he still hopes the designers and

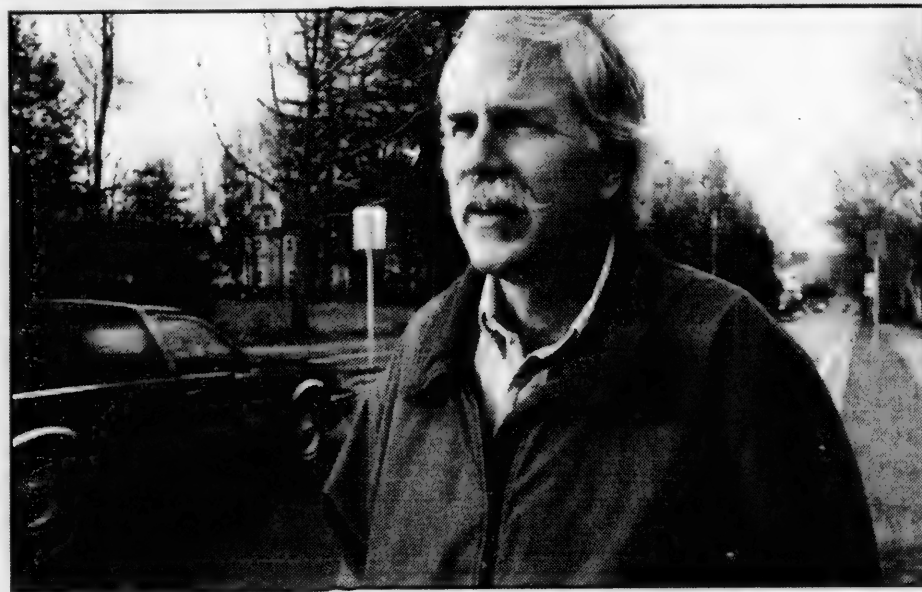


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Main man — Dennis Ryan of DANA (Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association), says he hopes state-funded improvements to Main Street won't turn it into "a landing strip." But public safety officials say it is also important to remember that, as its name implies, it is a main thoroughfare through town.

local officials will listen to the wishes of the neighborhood. "The input on the design so far has come from people like (DPW Director) Bob McQuade, (Police Chief) Brian Pattullo and (Fire Chief) Harold Wright, which is both good and bad," he says. "They are very smart people, but I think they (designers) also need to hear from those of us who are trying to moderate the highway feeling of the town."

Ryan says things as simple as using wooden, instead of metal, guard rails, can help offset the feeling that Main Street will be turned into "a landing strip."

He says he hopes everybody realizes the grant now under discussion is a means to help the town get to its vision of what Main Street should be, "but it's not the vision itself."

According to Ryan, DANA would like the whole concept of the improvements to reflect a philosophy that "the car is secondary" to the other activities along the street.

"That doesn't mean we're hostile to business or cars," he says. "It's just the same kind of feeling you have when you're in somebody else's living room. You act a bit differently."

Specifically, Ryan says he hopes that instead of simply adding traffic lights, the plan could incorporate some of the so-called "traffic-calming" techniques, aimed at slowing vehicles down without specific controls like lights or stop signs.

But Police Chief Pattullo says those desires have to be balanced with the reality that Main Street is just what its name implies — a main thoroughfare.

"The priority here has to be the easy movement for vehicular traffic," he says, "because if you interfere with that, you're going to throw it off onto the side streets in the area. Every little change

you make can have a major impact on related streets."

And Fire Chief Wright says it is extremely important not to narrow the street, especially at intersections, because that could interfere with the ability of fire trucks to make turns.

Selectman Lori Becker, who also attended the hearing, says while those things may be possible, they may not be possible through this grant.

"People are looking at this as if it is going to fix everything," she says, "and it won't. The town is responsible for the streetscape."

"One person said this sounds like it's just a lot of concrete. But that's what this is all about. It's a project for vehicles and also for safety. It's supposed to correct some things that don't comply with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)."

Steve Stapinski, chairman of the Andover branch of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, says he understands that, but hopes the town will coordinate some of what Colyer calls those "softer" improvements with the state-funded work.

"We should take advantage of the fact that there is going to be removing and resetting of curbs and sidewalks, to provide additional amenities like trees, benches and trash receptacles. We should also think about creating a theme for the downtown. Maybe that would include a brick accent to a sidewalk instead of just concrete."

Ryan says he hopes for better communication among the various interests as the hearings continue. He asks that any people interested in working with DANA to contact him, by mail at P.O. Box 5153, Andover, MA, by telephone at 475-0541 or by e-mail at dhryan@aol.com

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Dynamics Research reports third-quarter loss

Dynamics Research Corporation of Andover reported that revenue for the third quarter ended Sept. 30 increased 3 percent, to \$44,631,000, from \$43,269,000 for the same period last year.

The company reported a net loss of \$505,000, or 7 cents per basic share, for the third quarter of 1998 compared with net income of \$1,723,000, or 23 cents per basic share, in the third quarter of 1997. On a diluted basis, per share results equaled a net loss of 7 cents for the most recent quarter versus net income of 22 cents for the third quarter of 1997. Net income for the third quarter of 1997 included a

one-time benefit of \$1 million, or 13 cents per share, related to research and development tax credits.

Revenue for the nine months ended Sept. 30, rose 17 percent to \$136,673,000 from \$116,423,000 for the same period a year earlier. For the nine months ended Sept. 30, the company recorded a net loss of \$212,000 or 3 cents per basic and diluted share, compared with net income of \$2,873,000, or 38 cents per basic share, for the first nine months of 1997.

President and CEO **Albert Rand** said the company continues to see strong performance in its state and defense information technology and services segments, more than offsetting an 8 percent decline in the company's precision-manufactured products business. Demand for the company's encoder products from capital equipment manufacturers was adversely affected by the situation in Asia.

Rand attributed the decline in financial results for the quarter to expenditures related to business, and to product development efforts for the company's telecommunications and VisualMagic business segments. Results for the quarter included net operating

costs of \$1,959,000 and \$494,000, respectively, associated with telecommunications programs and VisualMagic.

"The telecommunications initiatives have been a drain on our resources, and we are working to correct the situation," Rand said.

"We have reduced staff in September, and we have focused our systems development objectives to meet the needs of our primary customers. We expect to see benefit from these measures in our fourth-quarter financial results, and we believe these actions will have further positive impact on our financial performance for 1999."

Rand also reported that the company is pursuing a transaction with an independent company engaged in systems and services for electronic commerce that would result in the transfer of VisualMagic and its development staff. If satisfactorily concluded, this transaction would put VisualMagic — a software tool for developing and operating complex Internet-based applications — together with a growing applications company.

Dynamics Research Corporation develops and operates computer and communication-intensive information systems, provides engineering and management support services, and produces precision manufactured components for industrial measurement and control.



Have a heart — The Savings Bank's Andover office recently sponsored a "Heart Depot" blood pressure screening and information clinic for customers. Above, Howard Hughes has his blood pressure checked by nurses Pauline Buturlia and Mary Hefferan, from the cardiac care unit of Lawrence General Hospital.



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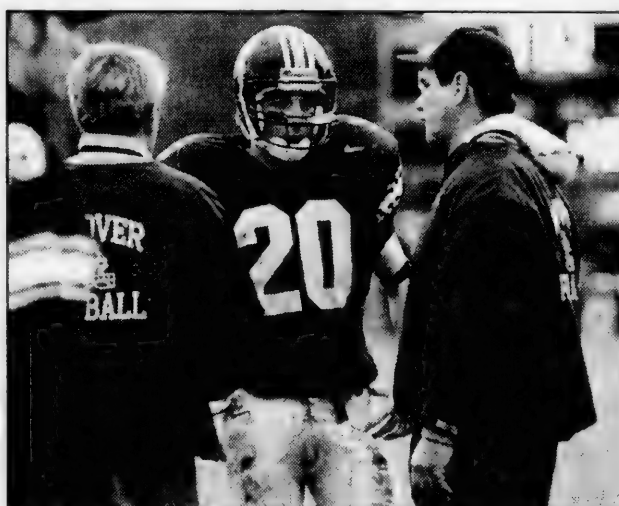
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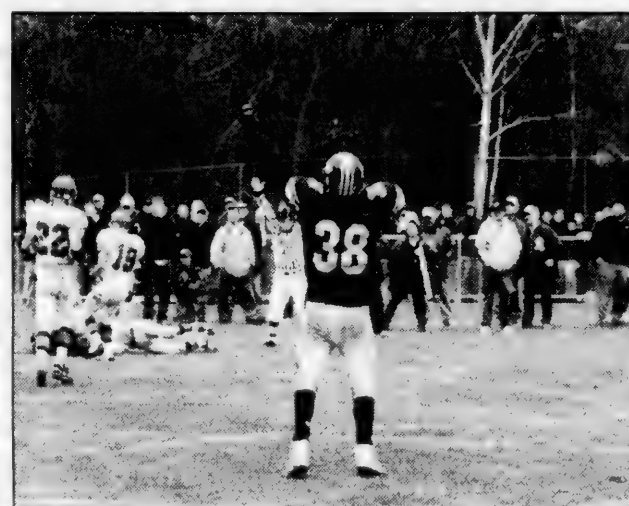


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The AHS Marching Band and a portion of the estimated crowd of 5,000.



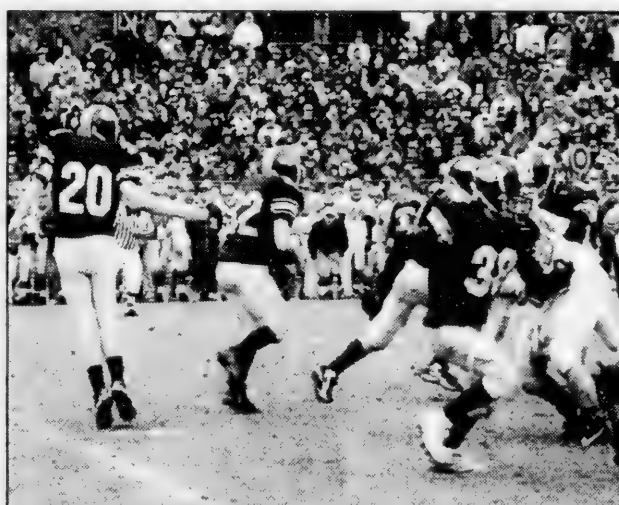
Head coach Ken Maglio (right), quarterback Rick Johnson and assistant coach Joe Celia (back to camera) discussing first-half strategy.



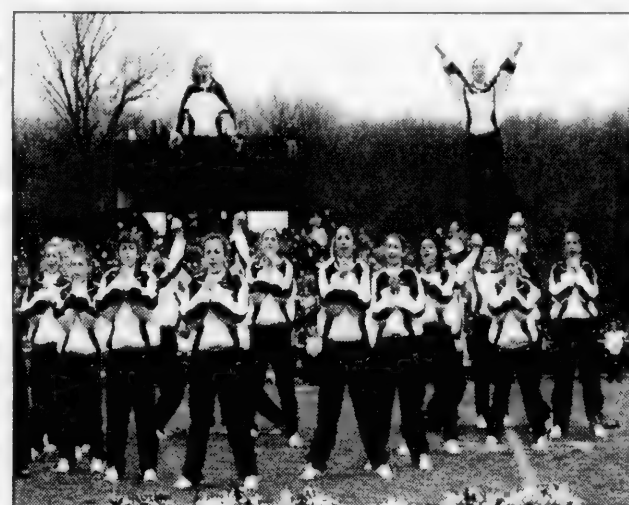
AHS back Chris Cordima (38) gives touchdown signal after QB Rick Johnson hit wide receiver Pat Murnane with TD pass to make it 15-6.



QB Rick Johnson (20) is about to elude Central's 6'4" 220-lb. defensive end Randall Farris. Johnson threw for 206 yards and 3 TDs in the loss, and ran for team-high 56 yds. in 12 carries.



QB Rick Johnson (20) hands off to top running back Tony Morando (32) after a fake to Chris Cordima.



The AHS cheerleaders put on an entertaining halftime show. The cheerleader captains are Kerri Krivelow and Kathleen McCumber.

Warriors fall to bowl-bound Central, 36-18; finish 3rd in MVC

By Rick Harrison

Andover High football players huddled briefly around head coach Ken Maglio moments after the Thanksgiving Day game against Central Catholic had ended.

The group dispersed just as the first few raindrops began to splatter on the Lovely Field turf, some players walking slowly towards the stadium gates while others lingered to talk to

family and friends

Maglio shook hands with most of his seniors and gave others an affectionate tap on the helmet.

There were traces of moisture at the corner of some eyes. It must have been the rain.

The Golden Warriors dropped their crucial winner-take-all Turkey Day squabble with the visiting Raiders, 36-18, and even those that bleed Andover blue and gold had to grudgingly admit Central was the better team — at least on this day.

As a result, CCHS is the undisputed Merrimack Valley Conference champ for the second consecutive year and will face Dual County League titlist Acton-Boxboro (8-2, eight straight wins) this Sunday at 2 p.m. in an Eastern Mass. Division 2 Super Bowl game at Boston University's Nickerson Field.

Andover has to settle for an impressive 8-2 record, and third place in the MVC, after Lowell outslugged Haverhill, 35-28, to clinch the runner-up spot.

"We wish it could have been a better outcome today," said Maglio. "But not too many people expected a season like this. We weren't picked by anyone to be in this situation on Thanksgiving. This group of kids turned the Andover football program around."

Or at least brought it back where it had consistently been prior to a five-year slide that started in 1993 and produced a 20-28-2 record over 50 games.

The good news is many key AHS players are underclassmen, although there will also be some gaping holes to fill next fall.

"Our kids played their hearts out all season and did it again today," said Maglio. "We battled back after a slow start."

Andover trailed 15-0 in the final minute of the first half and, although never coming closer than nine points, the Golden Warriors never made Central feel its lead was comfortable or secure.

The Raiders' major concern was the passing of AHS quarterback Rick Johnson, one of the few seniors, who closed out his high school career by completing 12 passes for 206 yards and three touchdowns.

But Johnson, selected the MVC Most Valuable Defensive Player earlier this week, knew his team could have performed better.

"We gave it everything we had but didn't play well enough to win," said Johnson after the game. "The plan was to throw a lot, which we did, but I was a little worried because it was pretty windy before the game."

"We had some momentum going into the second half but couldn't sustain it. The ball didn't bounce our way very often, and it was just too far to come back."

"We made too many mistakes early in the game (two lost fumbles, interception)," said Maglio. "I think our kids were in awe at first. They hadn't been in a situation like this before — where everything was on the line."

With an estimated crowd of 5,000 on hand, Andover took the game-opening kickoff and got a quick first down on runs by All-Conference linebacker Tony Morando (seven yards) and Mike Giles (four yards).

But four plays later the locals were forced to punt, setting up a 13-play Central march from its own 19 to the Andover six yard line.

Key gains were a 25-yard quarterback draw by Niall Murphy (13 carries, 92 yards), and four runs by junior fullback Matt Kobelski of Tewksbury for 29 of his game-high 159 yards.

Murphy swept right for an apparent TD, but a clipping penalty nullified the score and Morando then broke through to nail Murphy for an eight yard loss.

Ted Rokas eventually booted a 39 yard field with 21 seconds left in the first quarter for a 3-0 Central lead.

The Raiders, who have now won 16 straight MVC games and seven of the last eight against Andover on Turkey Day, caught a big break moments later when the Golden Warriors fumbled the kickoff and Steve Vallante recovered at the AHS 34.

Rokas, Central's top rusher (737 yards) who was held in check most of the game by Andover's blitzing defensive ends, broke loose for a 20-yard gain.

Two plays later Murphy rolled left and rammed nine yards for the touchdown, giving the

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Golden Warriors football awards banquet is Sunday

The annual Andover High Golden Warriors football awards banquet will be held this Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Ramada Rolling Green on Lowell Street.

Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:30 and presentations will begin at 6:30.

The event is put on by the Andover Football Boosters Association.

Ironically the banquet, booked some time ago, falls the same day as the Eastern Mass. Division 2 Super Bowl game for which Andover almost qualified.

Had AHS beaten Central Catholic on Thanksgiving and gone to the Bowl, the awards banquet would have been postponed until January.

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Raiders a 9-0 edge only seven seconds into the second quarter.

After another Andover fumble, and an exchange of punts, Central drove 86 yards in four plays for another score.

Murphy went 19 yards on a quarterback draw, Kobelski ripped off a 14-yard gain, and two plays later sprinter Brian Lemieux broke through the line and outraced three Golden Warrior defenders to the end zone to complete a 52-yard TD run.

Pat Murnane halted Murphy on the conversion rush, but with four minutes left in the half the visitors had a 15-0 lead.

Andover took Murphy's ensuing line-drive kickoff and mounted an 11-play, 79-yard drive for its first touchdown in the final minute of the half.

Johnson, whose 11 TD passes this fall were the most since Pat Finn also tossed 11 in 1989, opened the trek with 10- and seven-yard gains on keeper passes.

Morando, who finished the season as the top AHS rusher with 696 yards, added a six-yard run and caught a 23-yard pass from Johnson.

Johnson then fired three straight completions to first-team All-Conference wide receiver Murnane, who finished the game with seven catches for 104 yards.

Nine- and eight-yard tosses brought the ball to the 16, and Murnane made an over-the-shoulder grab in the left front corner of the end zone to put Andover on the scoreboard with 28 seconds left in the half.

"We knew Andover would complete some passes," said Central head coach Chuck Adamopoulos. "The big difference in their team this year was the success of the running game."

"We wanted to stop that today and did a pretty good job (AHS had only 83 yards rushing). We especially needed to contain Johnson on runouts. That part of the Andover offense worried me the most."

The Golden Warriors needed a strong defensive stand to start the second half, but instead allowed Central to march 80 yards in seven plays.

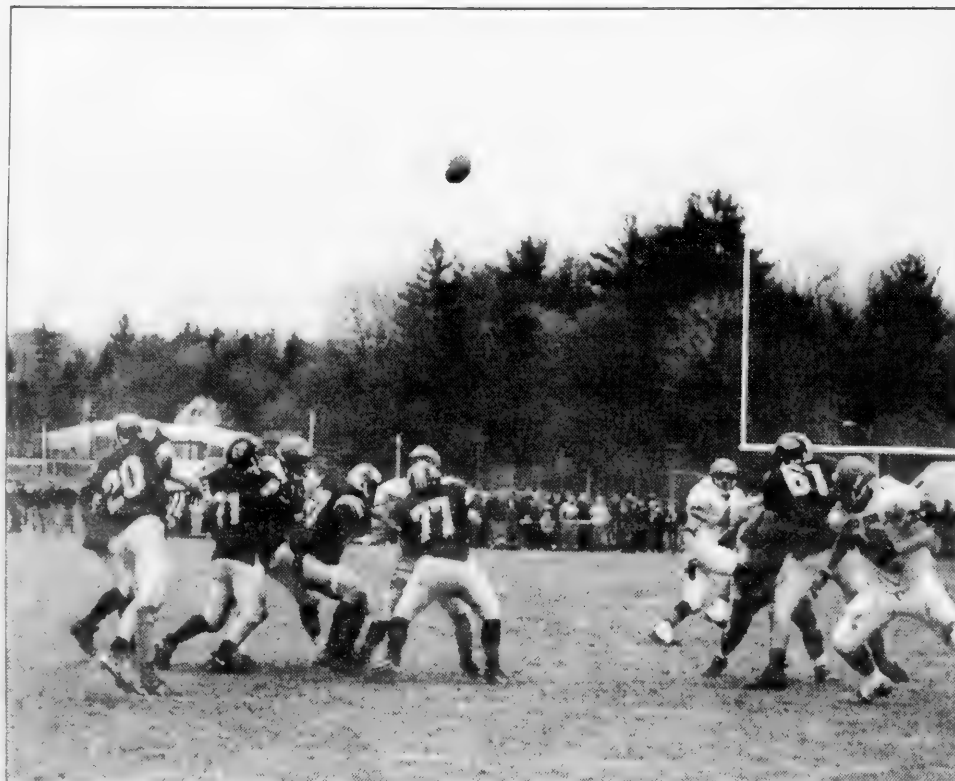
Kobelski had runs of 10 and 26 yards, and Murphy's only pass completion of the day kept the drive alive.

On third-and-six the CCHS signalcaller was scrambling for his life when he spotted end Phil Joncas wide open in the middle of the field. The play covered 34 yards to the Andover 27, and three plays later Rokas knifed over from four yards out.

Rokas (122 points) also kicked the PAT for a 22-6 lead 3:38 into the third quarter.

"It (pass to Joncas) was supposed to be a sprint-out play, but the blitz forced me to do some improvising and it worked out," said Murphy.

Moments later CCHS defensive end Randall Farris tipped a Johnson pass that was intercepted



ed by Jamie Durkin and returned seven yards to the Andover 22.

Runs by Murphy and Kobelski advanced the ball to the AHS four, where the defense stiffened and forced a 21-yard field goal attempt by Rokas that he mis-hit.

The locals came back with a 12-play, 80-yard trek capped by a 13-yard TD pass to Murnane.

That started a three-touchdown blitz that took only 40 seconds of clock time early in the fourth quarter.

During the 80 yard drive, Johnson completed two other passes to Murnane for 30 and 18 yards along with a 21-yarder to Morando on a fourth-and-8 play.

The touchdown came on a fourth-and-goal situation from the 13, with Murnane beating the shorter Rokas in a defensive mis-match.

The TD catch was Murnane's seventh of the season, the most for an AHS receiver since Brett Hammond had eight in 1990.

The attempted conversion pass to Murnane fell incomplete, keeping the Central lead at 22-12.

Not for long, however, as Central recovered the Golden Warriors' pooch kickoff and the locals were penalized for interfering with a fair catch.

On the first play Kobelski bolted up the middle, cut left and rambled 44 yards for the first of his two touchdowns.

Rokas' kick made it 29-12 just 13 seconds after the AHS touchdown.

Andover responded with a 35-yard kickoff return by Morando, who took a pitch-back from Chris Cordima and ran to the Raiders' 38.

Johnson and Mike Giles made it three TDs on three consecutive scrimmage plays, hooking up on a pretty 38-yard scoring pass 27 seconds after the CCHS touchdown.

Trailing 27-18, Andover stopped Central on its next series and forced a punt with 2:54 to

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

◀ At left, AHS quarterback Rick Johnson (20), who threw for 206 yards and 3 TDs, launches a 2nd-quarter TD pass to Pat Murnane (not shown). Blocking up front are: tight end Dave Crandall (84, at left), Jim Delaney (71), Dave Rosenberg (60), Haig Apelian (77), and Charlie Daher (61).

Below, Mike Giles (15) carries the ball; Tony Morando (32) and Mark Rocca (8) position themselves to make some daylight for him.

GAME SUMMARY

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 36, ANDOVER 18
at Lovely Field

Central Catholic	3	12	7	14	—	36
Andover	0	6	0	12	—	18

CC: Ted Rokas 39 field goal

CC: Niall Murphy 9 run (kick failed)

CC: Brian Lemieux 52 run (rush failed)

A: Pat Murnane 16 pass from Rick Johnson (kick failed)

CC: Rokas 4 run (Rokas kick)

A: Murnane 13 pass from Johnson (pass failed)

CC: Matt Kobelski 44 run (Rokas kick)

A: Mike Giles 38 pass from Johnson (pass failed)

CC: Kobelski 8 run (Rokas kick)

Team Statistics

First Downs: Central Catholic 12; Andover 15.

Rushes/Yards: Central Catholic 39-328; Andover 24-83.

Passing: Central Catholic 1-3-0, 34 yards; Andover 12-29-1, 206 yards, 3 TDs.

Total Yards: Central Catholic 362; Andover 289.

Fumbles/Lost: Central Catholic 1/0; Andover 2/2.

Punts-Ave: Central Catholic 2-28; Andover 2-35.

Penalties/Yards: Central Catholic 5-40; Andover 7-51.

Scrimmage Plays: Central Catholic 51; Andover 57.

Team Records: Central Catholic 9-1, Andover 8-2.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: CC, Matt Kobelski 16-159, 2 TDs; Niall Murphy 13-92, 1 TD; Brian Lemieux 2-57, 1 TD; Ted Rokas 8-20, 1 TD. A, Rick Johnson 12-56, Tony Morando 7-24, Mike Giles 2-5, Chris Wholey 1-1, Chris Cordima 1-(-3).

Passing: CC, Niall Murphy 1-3-0, 34 yards. A, Rick Johnson 12-28-1, 206 yards, 3 TDs; Pat Murnane 0-1-0.

Receiving: CC, Phil Joncas 1-34. A, Pat Murnane 7-104, 2 TDs; Tony Morando 2-44, Mike Giles 1-38, 1 TD; Chris Cordima 2-20.

Interceptions: CC, Jamie Durkin 1.

Fumble Recoveries: CC, Steve Vallante 1, Randall Farris 1.

Sacks by: CC, Wander Morel 1, Jamie Durkin 1, Phil Minichiello 1/2, Jim Kelley 1/2. A, Tony Morando 1.

Conference football coaches name star players

Andover High senior quarterback/safety Rick Johnson earned one of the top three awards voted by the Merrimack Valley Conference football coaches earlier this week.

Johnson was named the 1998 MVC Defensive Player of the Year.

Johnson is also one of five Golden Warrior gridders selected first-team All Conference.

Junior wide receiver Pat Murnane, who caught seven TD passes this fall, was the lone AHS player named on offense.

Joining Johnson as defensive honorees are senior tackle Charlie Daher, senior linebacker Tony Morando and junior cornerback Mike Giles.

Andover players named second-team All-Conference are senior tight end Dave Crandall, senior running back Chris Cordima, senior guard Jim Delaney, senior defensive end Chris Wholey and senior defensive interior lineman Josh Trowbridge.

Andover honorable mention All-Conference players are linebacker Luis Santiago, offensive lineman Haig Apelian and nose guard Craig Orzechowski.

Central Catholic quarterback/defensive back Niall Murphy was voted overall league MVP, while Lowell High junior running back Raunny Rosario (30 TDs, 180 points, 1,752 yards rushing) was selected Offensive Player of the Year.

"This is the game we really wanted," said Central QB Murphy. "When we beat Andover last year it didn't mean as much because we had already clinched the title and Super Bowl."

"Everything was on the line in this one. That's what you want on Thanksgiving Day. We

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felt we were good enough to beat them, but we also expected Andover to play a great game."

There is little down side to an 8-2 season.

"I can't really explain the difference in our play this year," said Johnson. "But it's easier when you have good people around you."

"We were upset with last year's record (2-7-1)," continued Johnson. "We had talent and a lot of weapons last season, too, but didn't use them as well."

"This year it seemed like everyone stepped up and many different guys played key roles."

•Andover had statistical edges in first downs (15-12), yards passing (206-34) and scrimmage plays (57-51).

•Johnson finishes as the top Andover scorer

ANDOVER SCORING

FOOTBALL FINAL (10 games)

	TD	PA	Pts
Rick Johnson	11	8	74
Mike Giles	8	0	48
Pat Murnane	7	4	46
Tony Morando	6	4	40
Chris Cordima	3	4	22
Chris Wholey	2	0	12
Luis Santiago	1	0	6
Josh Trowbridge	1	0	6
Mark Rocca	0	4	4
Dave Crandall	0	2	2
Casey Rillahan	0	2	2

TD Passes: Rick Johnson 11.

TD Receptions: Pat Murnane 7, Chris Cordima 2, Mike Giles 2.

Top Rusher: Tony Morando, 696 yards.

ANDOVER GAME-By-GAME (8-2-0)

Andover 20, North Andover 6 (non-league)
Andover 20, Lawrence 7 (non-league)
Andover 34, Dracut 0
Andover 30, Billerica 25
Andover 27, Methuen 8
Andover 26, Tewksbury 6
Lowell 27, Andover 18
Andover 35, Chelmsford 33
Andover 34, Haverhill 20
Central Catholic 36, Andover 18

Points For: 262

Points Against: 168

with 74 points, and he had 104 career points. The 74 are the most for an AHS player since Steve Shepard had 86 in 1992, and it's the fourth highest point total in the last two decades. It may also be the most ever for an AHS quarterback.

Mike Giles scored 48 points, Pat Murnane 46 and Tony Morando 40.

•Top senior players on this year's team include Johnson, Morando, Chris Wholey, Chris Cordima, and linemen Charlie Daher, Josh Trowbridge, Dave Crandall, Haig Apelian, Jim Delaney and Craig Orzechowski.

•Sophomore back-up quarterback Danny Hughes and his dad, former Bedford High assistant football coach Dan Hughes, watched the game from the press box. Young Dan is sidelined with a left knee injury suffered in a recent junior varsity game. The three-sport standout will miss his turn as a point-guard on the basketball team this winter, but will be healthy by next spring when he'll patrol the outfield for the varsity baseball team.

•An entertaining halftime show was presented by the Andover varsity football cheerleaders, led by Capt. Kerri Krivelow and Kathleen McCumber, and

MVC FOOTBALL FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Overall	PF	PA
Central Catholic	8	0	0	9-1-0	276	136
Lowell	7	1	0	9-2-0	265	148
ANDOVER	6	2	0	8-2-0	262	168
Methuen	5	3	0	8-3-0	182	147
Chelmsford	4	4	0	5-4-1	226	187
Billerica	2	6	0	2-8-0	179	215
Tewksbury	2	6	0	2-8-0	112	187
Dracut	1	7	0	1-8-1	50	279
Haverhill	1	7	0	2-9-0	233	275

Results Thanksgiving

Central Catholic 36, ANDOVER 18

Lowell 35, Haverhill 28

Chelmsford 23, Billerica 20

Methuen 34, Dracut 8

Wilmington 14, Tewksbury 7 (non-league)

Game Sunday

EMass. Div. 2 Super Bowl

at BU Nickerson Field, 2 p.m.

Central Catholic (9-1) vs. Acton-Boxboro (8-2)

the AHS marching band under the director of Brandon Psenicka and Mark Napierkowski.

•A plane flew over the field prior to the opening kickoff trailing a banner that read "Yes, Yes, Yes — You Can Do It Andover." Most thought it was the work of Commonwealth Motors czar Charlie Daher — but he reportedly denied it.

•Bill Drummond did another excellent job as PA announcer for the game, while ace statisticians Jay Darrin and Dave Gangi were again equal to the task of tracking the numbers.

Among the many familiar faces spotted in the large crowd were former AHS standout players Brett Hammond, Mike and Joe Marinaro along with boys varsity hoop coach Dave Fazio, current Lehigh University hoopsters

Charlotte and Sarah Muller, former AHS assistant coach/defensive coordinator Joe Iarrobino, assistant baseball coach Kevin Rourke and Andover Fire Department deputy chief Chuck Murnane.

Due to a reporting error, a recent edition of the *Townsmen* noted that the 1991 Central/Andover game also determined the league champ and Super Bowl qualifier.

It was actually the 1989 game — won by Central 16-14 on a controversial field goal in the final two minutes.

Among the top players on that AHS team were Dave Tucker, John Thompson, Pat Finn and Brett Hammond.

The '91 game was a 17-16 squeaker won by Central — but the outcome did not have the same significance.

AHS roundup: Girls swim and dive team caps off fine season

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High girls swim and dive team completed one of its finest seasons ever by placing fifth in a 40-school field at the annual season-ending All-State Championship Meet hosted by Wellesley College.

The Lady Warriors came very close to several individual state titles, eventually settling for five second-place finishes.

Freshman Sally Brown was runner-up in both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races, freshman Holly Boucher was second in the 50 free, senior one-meter diver Caroline Crocker finished second, and the 400 free relay quartet of sophomore Beth Couture, freshman Erica Douvadjian, Boucher and Brown completed the impressive list of runners-up.

Brown set a pair of school records and the 400 free relay also established a new AHS mark.

"This was the best season in terms of dual-meet record (9-2), points scored in both the North Sectionals and State Meet, and in the number of school-record times," said coach Mar-

AHS winter sports teams underway

Andover High winter sports teams began tryouts and practices this past Monday.

AHS will compete in boys basketball, girls basketball, hockey, boys gymnastics, girls gymnastics, boys indoor track, girls indoor track, boys skiing, girls skiing and boys swimming.

Head coaches are Dave Fazio (boys hoop), Jim Tildsley (girls hoop), Bill Cullen (hockey), boys gymnastics (Steve Sirois), girls gymnastics (Julie Curtis), Art Iworsley (track), Karl Lippmann (boys skiing), George Walsh (girls skiing).

Previews of the teams and full coverage of AHS athletic events will appear in future editions of the *Townsmen*.

ilyn Fitzgerald.

"It was also a tremendous year for our divers. We've always had an excellent program — but now it's a badge of honor to be a diver at Andover High."

"We only had one senior (Crocker) who scored today, which shows the overall youth and depth of our team," said Fitzgerald. "It also says a

lot about the future of our program."

On the cross country trails, AHS senior Capt. Kristen Munson completed an outstanding season and high school career by finishing 52nd in a field of 136 runners at the All-State Championship Meet held at Gardner Municipal Golf Course in central Massachusetts.

CROSS COUNTRY

Kristen Munson, who competed in Division 1, finished the All-State race over the extremely-hilly 2.9-mile Gardner GC course in 18:54.

Munson, who trained all week with Tewksbury's Kerri Aherne and Nicole Morandi (20th and 33rd respectively in the Division 2 race), was the lone Andover qualifier.

The Division 1 race was won by Westford Academy junior Jessica Parrott, who came from behind to catch and pass Emily Johnson of Newton South with 20 yards left in the race. Parrott won by one second, crossing in 16:55 while Johnson finished in 16:56.

Munson had an excellent fall season for the Andover girls, beating all but Tewksbury's Aherne and Haverhill's Tricia Guertin in dual- and tri-meets as the Lady Warriors posted an 8-2 record in the Small School Division of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

She advanced to the season-ending All-State Meet by placing a strong

seventh in a field of 174 runners at the MIAA Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championship Meet at Franklin Park the previous weekend.

Munson ran the less-hilly 3.1-mile Franklin Park trail in 20:03, her personal-best time on that course, on the way to seventh place in the Division 1 race. Munson was the first Merrimack Valley Conference harrier across the line.

Amherst Regional won the All-State Division 1 girls team title with 73 points, while Newton South was second (76), Wachusett Regional of Holden third (126) and Westford Academy fourth (135) in the 16-team field.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Andover improved its finish by six places from last November, moving up from 11th to fifth by scoring 123 points in the All-State Championship Meet.

Perennial state champ Acton-

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FEASTER FIVE RESULTS: 5K RACE

PLACE	ANDOVER RUNNER	AGE	TIME	433	ART ROUSMANIERE	41	28:26	814	SHIRLEY HORN	45	32:13	1185	CAROL FILBIN	43	35:50	1580	JACLYN HARROLD	12	44:03
1	MATTHEW ELY	22	16:12	466	LAUREN WHITLEY	35	28:45	816	AL KYLE	52	32:15	1186	SARA KUBLIN	38	35:53	1593	JACK KEOHANE	47	44:46
9	MICHAEL ARPIN	36	17:33	469	JAKE DELANEY	14	28:49	822	JILLIAN MANN	15	32:19	1194	BLAINE MELLOR	29	35:58	1599	JENNIFER MUNSON	19	44:55
18	BRIAN RHODES	33	18:25	470	JOANNE TRAYERS	49	28:51	823	CLAUDIA SOO HOO	15	32:19	1196	DAVID KLARMAN	50	36:01	1600	MANDY HEAVEY		44:56
21	AARON SIEMENOWICZ	16	18:33	473	MICHAEL MALAGUTI	10	28:52	825	MICHAEL GALABURDA	10	32:19	1197	KELLY MCGOWEN	10	36:01	1603	MICHAEL BEIDY	11	45:01
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35	SPENCER WASHBURN	15	19:37	485	DENISE WALL	33	29:02	841	JIM MCCARTHY	14	32:25	1218	CAROL PETERSON	35	36:24	1606	THEPESA MUNSON	45	45:04
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177	WILLIAM LINDMARK	14	24:43	561	ALLYSON FORTIER	14	29:52	937	JACKIE KOVACS	54	33:10	1292	GRETCHEN MAGNER	10	37:33	1664	TERI PAYTON	38	47:14
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189	BARRY FINEGOLD	27	24:58	572	MATHIEU MASSICOTTE	34	30:07	959	ANNE HARROLD	42	33:24	1302	CHRIS SULLIVAN	9	37:45	1678	MICHELLE GUY	10	47:48
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214	CHRIS ROULLARD	15	25:24	608	ALAN JETTE	48	30:26	988	STEVEN GERSTEIN	13	33:33	1311	KAREN SULLIVAN	45	37:53	1699	KRISTEN KACZYNSKI	19	48:56
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229	SUSAN MCGILVRAY-RIVET	43	25:35	623	DEBBIE DREW	37	30:34	998	COLLEEN VISPOLI	14	33:43	1317	NORMAN FROST	60	37:56	1706	ANNE SULLIVAN	32	49:05
231	CAITLIN O'CONNOR	19	25:37	626	JOHN LAROSE	12	30:35	1000	RACHEL DIFELICANTONIO	43	33:44	1319	BETH BENSON	37	37:58	1707	CARLENE ANN HOLLOWAY	10	49:05
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245	KENNETH TRAUB	42	25:51	636	DENNIS FLEMING	9	30:40	1021	EMILY YURKO	17	33:59	1333	CONNIE HALKS	50	38:12	1739	SANDY HAYES	56	50:18
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272	ELIZABETH FLOOD	17	26:15	648	INGRIS COSTELLO	16	30:45	1046	LYNN KIM	25	34:14	1371	PHYLIS KATZ	57	39:06	1749	PAUL FINNEGAN	58	50:37
275	JAMES SCHLECKSER	36	26:19	650	LESLEY RING	37	30:47	1047	BECKY CAIRNS	9	34:15	1372	MICHAEL BLANFORD	44	39:07	1751	JANE CAVENEY	39	50:40
276	LYLE LIEBERMAN	44	26:20	653	NICK LEMBO	30	30:47	1048	WILLIAM CORNEY	31	34:15	1373	ROBIN BROWNSON	35	39:07	1756	BRIAN CAVENEY	6	50:44
281	MIKE BROWNSON	37	26:26	654	PAULA TEDESCO	37	30:47	1055	DANIEL KANE	41	34:20	1375	JOANNE LINDMARK	41	39:11	1758	KEVIN BROSNAN	37	50:53
288	INGRID O'HARA	29	26:28	664	AMY KNOWLES	30	30:58	1060	LORI GERBER	40	34:22	1377	JEFFREY PICARD	43	39:13	1760	DANIELLE COHEN	11	50:58
292	ABBEY GOLDSTEIN	18	26:32	665	MARCY RUDA	21	30:58	1063	JANIS WRIGHT	41	34:23	1382	MICHAEL SIERRA	12	39:16	1761	COLLEEN GEORGIAN		51:02
294	SARAH WALLACE	24	26:34	669	DOUGLAS BROWN	13	31:01	1064	LISA TORBIN-SHAW	33	34:24	1385	RENE SIERRA	45	39:16	1762	CRAIG SCHWARZ	8	51:02
296	DEBBIE CASTALDI	41	26:36	673	BETH PICARDI	21	31:02	1075	LINDA PAOLERA	34	34:33	1392	MELISSA LANGLAIS	16	39:23	1763	JORGE SCHWARZ	44	51:03
301	GREG MORISSETTE	12	26:38	676	JAMES RUSSELL	32	31:03	1076	ANGELA HOLLENBECK	27	34:33	1395	JULIA HSIA	55	39:24	1767	HUGH MULLIGAN	40	51:21
303	JIMMY MULLER	11	26:42	677	CHELSEA MCCABE	11	31:03	1080	BRIAN DONOVAN	13	34:33	1405	PAM SHEEHY	49	39:36	1771	MICHELE WHITE		

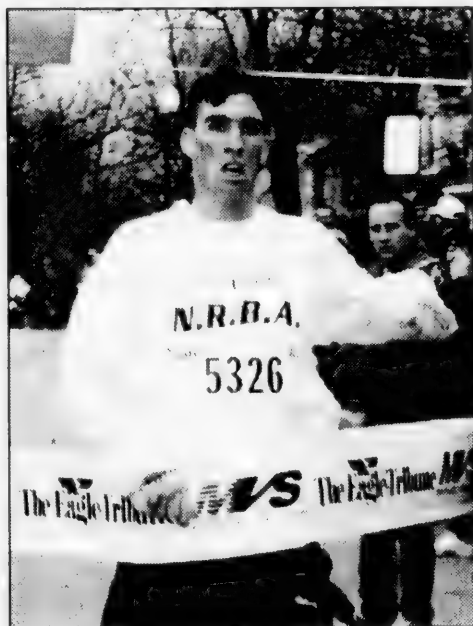
FEASTER FIVE RESULTS: 5K RACE

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PLACE	ANDOVER RUNNER	AGE	TIME	1946	KAREN BLANFORD	43	57:42	2014	DEANNA ATCHISON	58	59:42	2066	ALAN EGGERT	49	1:01:00	2112	ROGER BOURLAND		1:03:00
1872	CAROLYN MALLECK	43	55:22	1951	ALEASE BRUCE	55	57:45	2018	GAIL RENAUD	55	59:46	2067	LACEY EGGERT	17	1:01:01	2113	MARY BETH BEVACQUA	49	1:03:00
1873	PETER GROGAN	59	55:22	1952	VIRGINIA CASWELL	66	57:45	2019	KATHY MALLECK	10	59:46	2069	VINCENT COX	75	1:01:06	2116	BRIAN BEVACQUA	10	1:03:03
1878	JOY COWIE		55:34	1953	LORI BARSALOU	38	57:48	2021	REED MALLECK	46	59:47	2070	WILLIAM BAGGEROER	50	1:01:07	2117	JANE KOBELSKI	29	1:03:06
1879	MAXINE GROGAN	57	55:40	1959	JANYCE SLACK	52	57:52	2022	PHYLLIS RICKER	55	59:47	2071	SUSAN SOLOMON	52	1:01:08	2120	BERBARD QUINN	67	1:03:09
1883	MARTY KENT	41	55:55	1962	LAURA FARR	20	58:00	2024	GRETCHEN BEHERRELL	29	59:49	2074	MARSHALL SOLOMON	46	1:01:10	2121	BETH SHIRO	44	1:03:09
1884	JACQUELINE BRANSCOMBE	31	55:58	1963	CHARLOTTE FARR	53	58:02	2025	KEVIN COLLINS	46	59:51	2078	ANDREA MANNERS	14	1:01:19	2122	SHELLEY SELWYN	43	1:03:10
1885	PAMELA SAMBUCCO	33	55:59	1966	AMANDA BRUNO	20	58:11	2026	JEANNE WENGER	42	59:51	2082	RICHARD MANNERS	43	1:01:22	2124	ELIZABETH FARNHAM	33	1:03:14
1887	KAYLA PARKER	11	56:00	1967	GREG PENNINGTON	8	58:19	2029	PATTI HUNT	32	59:54	2083	DARRIN TISDALE	32	1:01:43	2125	SUSAN COMEAU	28	1:03:14
1888	ELOISE LICATA-GEHR	52	56:04	1969	ROSEMARIE WETMORE	46	58:23	2030	HELEN LONG	36	59:55	2084	THOMAS HARB	47	1:01:44	2131	HANNAH BOURLAND	9	1:03:30
1898	TED COWIE	43	56:27	1970	TOBI LEVIS	46	58:25	2036	HERB BEHERRELL	29	1:00:05	2088	AMY BAGGEROER	22	1:02:23	2133	JAMES PECK		1:03:35
1901	CAROL ANN DONOVAN	46	56:35	1971	MELISSA DENNIS	24	58:26	2039	MARK BAGGEROER	15	1:00:07	2090	CINDY BAGGEROER	48	1:02:25	2135	MEREDITH PEEK		1:03:38
1906	AMY REILLY	27	56:38	1972	KRISTIN KORSBERG	8	58:27	2040	GRETCHEN HARB	44	1:00:08	2091	NICKY BURDEAU	6	1:02:26	2136	ADAM CATERINO	15	1:04:02
1908	SANDRA GAWLIK	27	56:39	1974	WILLIAM WETMORE	46	58:27	2044	ERIN BAGGEROER	18	1:00:09	2095	KAREN BABINE	24	1:02:33	2137	KATHRYN QUINN	67	1:04:05
1912	VINETTE BOWE	44	56:42	1979	TINA KORSBERG	42	58:34	2045	PAULA COLLINS	39	1:00:14	2096	ZACH BURDEAU	8	1:02:34	2139	CHRISTY MAGLIOZZI	27	1:04:11
1920	KAREN CHRETIEN	10	57:03	1989	DEB HARTIGAN	39	58:56	2052	PATRICK DEVANEY	44	1:00:22	2097	TERI BABINE	27	1:02:35	2141	JOSEPH MAGLIOZZI	28	1:04:17
1931	BRANDON ANTONAKOS	13	57:18	1990	ERIC KORSBERG	44	58:57	2053	BRIDGETTE NORTON	28	1:00:25	2098	LIZ BURDEAU	39	1:02:35	2145	DOROTHY MCGILINCY	44	1:04:23
1933	LISA HUTZLER	42	57:19	1999	KAREN PANICHELLI	40	59:27	2054	WILLIAM HENDRICK	64	1:00:26	2099	GARY COON	34	1:02:36	2147	JUDY MATULSKY	38	1:05:13
1935	NANCY TURBETT	48	57:21	2000	ANDREA PEREIRA	12	59:29	2055	EMILY DONOVAN	36	1:00:30	2100	SHARON COON	58	1:02:37	2153	JODY BARDENHEUER	39	1:05:59
1936	DONALD LEVIS	46	57:21	2003	CASEY FROST	12	59:31	2056	KEVIN DONOVAN	35	1:00:31	2101	ALLIE BURDEAU	10	1:02:37	2163	HELAINA PALMER	51	1:07:07
1941	MELISSA PENNINGTON	7	57:32	2006	JOHN ATCHISON	61	59:35	2059	LINDA KENT	40	1:00:47	2102	ROSE BABINE	55	1:02:38	2164	CYNTHIA KELLY		1:07:22
1942	DUNCAN RUSSEL	10	57:33	2008	ANDREW HOOK	4	59:35	2060	SARA EGGERT	48	1:00:52	2105	SHARI COON-RETELLE	33	1:02:40				
1943	BROOKE PENNINGTON	46	57:33	2011	EMILY HOOK	6	59:37	2063	MICHELLE NELSON	27	1:00:56	2106	BILL COON	58	1:02:41				
				2013	LAUREN PANICHELLI	9	59:39	2065	SCOTT EGGERT	24	1:00:59	2111	LAURA CORRY	28	1:02:50				

Number of Andover records: 653
Results by Granite State Race Services

Men's 5K winner



Matthew Ely of Andover
16:12

Women's 5K winner



Mia Jacobs of Wilmington
20:35

Men's 5 Mile winner



Chris Teague of N. Chelmsford
24:18

Women's 5 Mile winner



Terri-Anne McGettrick of Andover
28:44

Many winners in the Feaster Five festivities

By Neil Fater

A strong headwind during the first few miles of the Thanksgiving Day Feaster Five road race may have kept course records from being set, but it didn't stop North Chelmsford's Chris Teague from setting a different kind of record.

Teague opened the second decade of the Feaster by becoming the first three-time winner of the five-mile race.

But Teague was just one of thousands of runners and walkers who enjoyed the Feaster Five festivities and come away a winner. In fact, four Andover athletes beat out the rest of the runners in their race's age group.

Michelle Pirro, 12, the daughter of Ken and Jan Pirro, was the best female five-mile runner age 12 or younger.

"She ran last year and come in third seemingly without really trying. This year she tried her best," says dad, Ken Pirro.

It showed. Pirro says his daughter finished her five-mile race well before he finished his injury-riddled five-kilometer (3.1-mile) race.

Then the Pirro family, including Michelle's siblings Jenny, 14, and Jeff, 9, piled into the car and headed off for turkey in upstate New York.

Other fantastic Andover finishers included Esther

Pelletier, 73, who was the top finisher in the female, over-70, five-kilometer crowd. She finished nearly 17 minutes ahead of her nearest challenger.

Kyle Smith, 11, was the first 12 or younger male to cross the five-kilometer finish line.

Meanwhile, Wayne Fillback, 62, topped the male 60 to 69 division in the five mile race.

And, for once, these and other runners could be thankful not only for their times, but for the weather

around them, as the Feaster shed its bad-weather jinx.

"In comparison to the last five years I've been involved, the weather was tremendous, although that's an indication of what it's been like the last few years," says race director Dave McGillivray.

"The threat of rain had everyone on edge," he says. "But it all held off until we had the last table or last cup loaded into the last truck."

McGillivray says this possibility of rain turned some people away from running the race, if not from collecting the popular pies that are given to entrants.

While 6,419 adults paid to run one of the races, only 5,113 actually finished the Feaster.

"That's a large no-show rate," says McGillivray, of the 1,300 who did not actually run. "But that doesn't mean people didn't come to packet pick-up to get their shirt or their pie. In fact, I know that happens."

Despite the threat of rain, the Feaster still attracted one of its largest sign-up crowds ever, with 7,108 adults and kids registering to run.

McGillivray says that's a sign the Feaster looks strong as it approaches its 12th year in 1999.



Race photos by Carol Van Doren

◀ Race director Dave McGillivray with son Max, 4, at the pie pick-up table.

FEASTER FIVE RESULTS: 5 MILE RACE

PLACE	ANDOVER RUNNER	AGE	TIME	620	ROBERT BERNARDIN	38	39:04
16	JOHN GOODWIN	43	27:11	629	MASON BROWNE	48	39:08
20	HUNTER WASHBURN	17	27:44	631	DANIEL ROBICHAUD	12	39:09
26	KEVIN CUFF	34	28:06	634	FRED RAVENS	46	39:10
35	TERRIANNE MCGETTRICK	34	28:44	653	SCOTT MCCOY	31	39:20
45	MATT DESMOND	27	29:21	662	ANDREW PFEIL	14	39:23
46	ED MCGOVERN	35	29:24	664	STEVE SULLIVAN	46	39:23
53	KEITH DRISCOLL	31	29:44	665	BRIAN GERRIOR	36	39:24
58	DON NORTON	41	30:36	667	JUDY NORMANDIN	39	39:25
70	JAKE BERMAN	19	30:42	681	ROBERT NELKEN	50	39:41
80	PHIL DELUDE	47	31:11	692	MICHELLE PIRRO	42	39:42
82	TODD COLLINS	37	31:13	701	P STEPHAN BEDROSIAN	38	39:47
88	BRAD PECHACEK	36	31:28	702	TADG CORKERY	24	39:48
93	CHARLES RUSSO	27	31:36	726	MICHAEL HOGAN	46	39:59
103	JERRY WITT	53	32:04	733	PAUL GERROIR	56	40:00
106	BRENDAN AHERN	16	32:12	739	KURT PETERSON	38	40:03
109	THOMAS CAHILL	42	32:16	750	GREG SPURR	11	40:09
116	ALFRED TORRISI	42	32:21	751	JO ANNE GUILLET	32	40:10
123	MIKE ROOS	36	32:27	752	GREGORY SPURR	42	40:10
128	BRIAN FEENEY	38	32:42	755	MICHAEL ARTHUR	53	40:13
131	JAMEY CLARKE	29	32:46	761	DAVID DELUDE	50	40:17
138	MARK BARRETT	47	32:52	765	MARK BRONENKANT	49	40:19
141	PARKIE SICKLER	38	32:55	770	FELICIA PERRY	37	40:20
151	DONALD HATCH	37	33:04	776	MATT CORBETT	28	40:23
152	NINA CARON	38	33:04	780	STEVE CORBETT	25	40:25
157	JOSEPH BENSON	35	33:12	781	ROBERT BRANSCOMBE	30	40:26
160	SUE KILEY	30	33:18	782	FRED CALLANEN	50	40:26
161	ANDREW CAFFEY	47	33:21	791	ERIC BRAUDE	53	40:31
163	KATHERINE BLAIS	18	33:23	793	TRICEE PIERCE	42	40:32
167	CHAD MONGEAU	17	33:29	794	PHILLIP PIERCE	41	40:32
178	STEPHEN SARRO	30	33:40	795	LISA INGRID	18	40:32
189	SCOTT CAREY	28	33:49	797	THOMAS MARJERISON	50	40:34
191	DONALD MURPHY	38	33:50	798	ANDREAS MUELLER	36	40:34
214	JOHN LARIVIERE	31	34:15	811	PATRICK LINNEMANN	15	40:40
215	LIAM HURLEY	39	34:15	815	KEVIN COFFEY	37	40:42
231	DAVID BERMAN	47	34:31	819	WILLIAM DOHERTY	40	40:43
237	ARRYN BREZINSKI	26	34:41	821	JEFF LIOTTA	45	40:44
248	KRISTEN MUNSON	17	34:52	830	MARY MORAN	43	40:48
254	EVELYN CARON	38	34:55	833	GENE BRADY	50	40:48
255	ROB MICHAELS	43	34:55	840	RICHARD BROWN	41	40:52
257	CHRIS RILLAHAN	18	34:57	847	MICHAELA CORKERY	28	40:56
258	KAREN GIANGRANDE	35	34:57	864	RICHARD DEVANEY	32	41:04
261	DAVID FANIKOS	35	35:02	865	CHRISTOPHER DOHERTY	45	41:05
266	WAYNE FILLBACK	62	35:07	866	LEWIS TRUMBORE	48	41:06
271	JIM KOBLER	46	35:13	868	DAVID DLESK	40	41:07
272	ALAN CHAMPAGNE	47	35:13	877	RYAN BUCKLEY	55	41:11
273	BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI	50	35:14	882	SARAH WITHAM	22	41:15
283	JOHN NORTON	30	35:27	883	DANIEL GALABURDA	23	41:15
287	PAUL KEEFE	38	35:30	905	KRISTIN CHARLESTON	27	41:28
288	PETER NEWTON	37	35:30	906	DANIEL BRYANT	34	41:28
290	JERRY BIRD	40	35:31	907	FRANK BEVACQUA	52	41:28
303	MATTHEW YOST	20	35:39	910	KEVIN KOBLER	9	41:30
309	MARK LOGAN	31	35:43	915	LAURA GALABURDA	23	41:32
324	PAUL MARAD	34	35:52	921	SHARON RODRIGUEZ	26	41:34
331	DWIGHT FEENEY	12	35:55	930	GAIL DUNLEVY	34	41:39
333	RONALD DANN	50	35:56	932	LAURA O'CONNELL	15	41:39
343	EVAN TEPLow	35	36:06	934	MIKE CHARLAND	28	41:40
346	MARC KOOLEN	48	36:06	938	KEVIN KELLER	38	41:41
348	CHRIS MCKALLAGAT	16	36:09	939	TOM MAHER	36	41:43
349	BRETT HAMMOND	26	36:10	945	BRUCE HOOK	38	41:47
352	PHILLIP WEEKS	37	36:12	946	STEPHEN JACKSON	47	41:47
354	Z KATTAR	25	36:14	951	EDWARD CARBONNEAU	47	41:50
361	MILES SEDGWICK	17	36:21	956	JILL CALLAHAN	40	41:53
362	DEBORAH BATES	35	36:22	965	ANDREW GULLEY	41	41:59
373	JOHN MAHAN	26	36:30	976	NANCY RBY	42	42:06
379	SCOTT VALLER	28	36:36	983	CINDY COHEN	40	42:09
380	ALAN GINSBERG	16	36:38	988	GUY GEORGE MANCINI	13	42:10
390	NATHAN BLAIS	16	36:44	992	DEBBIE HIRSH	39	42:10
394	JACK LONDON	37	36:48	994	PETER CARNAZZO	25	42:11
404	LORI BLAKE	35	36:54	1003	GERALD GEHR	48	42:15
406	FRANK MAGLIOCHETTI	41	36:55	1015	KATIE MCCLUNE	22	42:19
410	ADAM MCCUBE	15	37:00	1016	KENNETH COOPER	44	42:19
416	CRAIG NELSON	28	37:05	1019	LYNN HUGGINS	39	42:20
417	PAUL DOMIGAN	41	37:05	1021	PAM DRISCOLL	39	42:20
419	ROBERT RAGONESE	40	37:06	1023	MARK SWOBODA	41	42:22
422	RICHARD HENNESSY	40	37:08	1028	DAVID FROBURG	24	42:23
431	JIM RIGAZIO	29	37:13	1030	KRISTINE CUNNINGHAM	28	42:23
435	CHRISTOPHER PATTEN	37	37:15	1035	STEPHEN BRIEN	30	42:25
437	SCOTT MINER	24	37:15	1042	PETER CAMPBELL	40	42:31
443	BONNIE SPURR	41	37:20	1047	NANCY LANG	33	42:35
458	JONAH DICKSTEIN	20	37:32	1049	CORBIN LANG	30	42:36
460	MICHAEL OLIVIERI	35	37:33	1052	GUY MICHAEL MANCINI	48	42:38
463	ELIZABETH GILBERT	30	37:34	1057	DAVID WEENER	52	42:39
471	LILI ANDERSON	19	37:41	1058	SUSAN HOLZMAN	35	42:40
472	JULIE AHERN	19	37:42	1062	DUNCAN COOPER	14	42:41
476	JOSEPH NICOLAISEN	25	37:44	1067	GARY KOTYLA	44	42:45
484	PAUL ELKIND	36	37:48	1069	KAITLIN STOLBERG	15	42:48
496	TOM SPANG	48	37:52	1073	J BARRY MAHONEY	54	42:50
498	JOHN BONESS	58	37:53	1075	STEPHEN NEAL	24	42:51
524	GREG FOLTZ	21	38:14	1076	RICHARD DUBE	47	42:51
527	JAMES FOLTZ	50	38:15	1088	LARRY GINSBERG	45	42:57
534	RICK SIMONS	36	38:18	1092	KERRY BRADY	22	43:00
536	BRIAN CHAREWICZ	36	38:19	1095	LARRY HIGGINS	47	43:01
537	CHARLES LEINBACH	33	38:20	1101	PAUL SARTORI	47	43:03
544	DAN WRIGLEY	24	38:24	1102	PAUL LAURIN	32	43:04
551	CHIP LINNEMANN	42	38:28	1103	ALEX COSTELLO	45	43:04
558	KEVIN SHEPARD	15	38:31	1107	JOEL LEIDER	47	43:06
567	JACK DIAZUL	51	38:37	1122	HEATHER CANDON	28	43:15
581	JOSEPH LEAHY	42	38:46	1130	JOE MAGNER	42	43:19
583	LUCAS EDWARDS	23	38:48	1136	JEFFREY DENONCOURT	41	43:21
585	MARTIN MASON	46	38:50	1145	LEON MODESTE	43	43:26
596	STEPHEN GRUENBERG	31	38:57	1161	LAURIE BYRON	29	43:34
597	MATT KILEY	33	38:57	1178	BOB O'LEARY	50	43:40
599	KATE MASON	16	38:58	1183	JESSE LUGUS	21	43:41
600	MATTHEW KISH	17	38:58	1184	MICHAEL AGOSTINO	43	43:42
603	JOHN FILBIN	46	38:59	1185	ALEX VISPOLI	41	43:43
610	MAX DICKSTEIN	19	39:01	1195	CAREY LEVINE	18	43:45
617	WAYNE MATTHESON	47	39:03	1196	JOSEPH GANEM	59	43:46



They're off and running...

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1210	MIKE MARINARO	28	43:50	1645	KAREN KOCH-WESER	56	46:13
1212	CAROLE CROWTHER	38	43:51	1659	GEORGE BLAXTER	42	46:19
1215	DIANA GOULD	50	43:51	1674	RUSS WRIGLEY	52	46:24
1219	SUZANNE MARINARD	30	43:52	1684	JEFFREY BERUBE	35	46:32
1221	ALEXANDER ORTSTEIN	10	43:53	1686	DONALD COOPER	50	46:32
1226	DON BULENS	42	43:55	1689	JOHN O'BRIEN	38	46:33
1237	PAUL COFFEY	55	43:59	1703	DONNA COOPER	50	46:39
1244	JOHN BRODBINE	23	44:04	1707	ROBERT BURKE	41	46:44
1258	JOHN DAHER	42	44:08	1708	JAN PIRRO	42	46:46
1261	CHAD GREEN	27	44:09	1718	STEPHEN NAPOLITANO	28	46:50
1271	ADAM SILEVITCH	17	44:10	1719	BILL BROUILLARD	46	46:50
1272	JENNIFER HECHERY	29	44:10	1723	ERIC YU	20	46:51
1282	STEVEN PERLBERG	32	44:12	1736	SHARON YU	45	46:54
1289	MARIANNE ALAGERO	44	44:14	1740	DAVE WARTMAN	22	46:56
1291	ROBERT PERRY	44	44:15	1743	JED WARTMAN	20	46:57
1301	AUDREY PECK	44	44:18	1752	ROGER BENTLEY	50	47:01
1304	WILLIAM DUNLEVY	35	44:19	1759	ROBIN CROOKS	28	47:04
1308	DAVID NOVICK	40	44:19	1773	RALPH GRICCO	47	47:12
1312	MICHAEL DUFFY	28	44:20	1781	GEORGE BILGER	27	47:16
1313	BRIAN DUFFY	26	44:20	1812	JOANNE DONNELLY	29	47:34
1315	ROBERT COFFILL	42	44:21	1818	JAMES PANNOS	45	47:38
1321	TOM SHANNON	44	44:22	1819	RALPH BAKKENSEN	47	47:38
1325	CHRIS BENSLEY	40	44:23	1822	JOHN HESS	50	47:39
1326	CHRIS VALCOURT	34	44:23	1824	AL RETELLE	68	47:40
1334	MICHAEL QUINLAN	37	44:26	1838	LEE CAPLAN	43	47:51
1336	RALPH GENTILE	47	44:27	1844	KEN SHIFF	45	47:52
1350	PAUL MURPHY	32	44:32	1845	STEPHEN HIBINO	16	47:52
1362	DAVID MCGRATH	14	44:39	1849	LAURIE PICARDI	23	47:54
1373	JIM MORGAN	47	44:43	1851	MELISSA BURKE	41	47:55
1385	JAY SAVELY	36	44:48	1854	DEBBIE BUCHHOLZ	43	47:56
1394	PAULETTE TURCO	47	44:53	1860	COLLEEN MULLIN	44	47:58
1400	JOHN WATERS	46	44:56	1861	DON ANDERSON	55	47:58
1405	ELIZABETH WATERS	41	44:57	1863	LARRY PICARDI	52	47:59
1406	MARK PEHRSON	39	44:57	1874	KEITH JAFFE	45	48:03
1408	GREGORY BALETSA	45	44:56	1877	KATIE MCKAIN	16	48:03
1409	JEN PRUDDEN	20	44:58	1878	ROBERT MCCARTHY	45	48:05
1410	MATTHEW JENNINGS	24	45:00	1880	RICHARD FELAGO	50	48:06
1412	THOMAS WALSH	36	45:00	1885	MICHAEL DELCCECCOLO	31	48:09
1414	ALISON DALEY	35	45:01	1887	SEAN DUFFY	30	48:10
1415	TOBY DALEY	37	45:02	1894	RICHARD SCHMIDT	47	48:12
1427	JOAN RAVENS	46	45:06	1897	EILEEN RULLO	39	48:13
1436	ANDREW WEINER	28	45:09	1900	JUDITH DOBLE	48	48:14
1437	HEATHER PETRO	29	45:10	1902	VIRGINIA VALEN	33	48:14
1441	THOMAS MULDOON	62	45:13	1910	JIM RULLO	39	48:16
1453	KIMBERLY LANDRY	24	45:18	1911	GUY CHRETIEN	43	48:17
1456	CATHERINE BRAWN	25	45:19	1912	KERRY DEVEAU	35	48:17
1459	STEVEN GESING	48	45:19	1913	ISABELLE BURNS	39	48:17
1461	MALCOLM BRAWN	59	45:20	1914	BRIAN FLANAGAN	23	48:17
1463	EMILY PFEIL	15	45:21	1918	ANDREW TURCO	19	48:19

FEASTER RESULTS: 5 MILE RACE

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PLACE	ANDOVER RUNNER	AGE	TIME
2765	COURTNEY SULLIVAN	16	1:10:00
2766	CHRISTINE WEINER	28	1:10:01
2767	MARLYS EDWARDS	53	1:10:02
2768	SARAH BURDETT	28	1:10:16
2771	KATHRYN MCDONOUGH	35	1:10:28
2788	JENNIFER SCHWEHR	20	1:12:45
2790	SANDY STAPCZYNSKI	40	1:13:03
2792	EILEEN CASTO	35	1:13:13
2793	RHONDA GOFF	53	1:13:22
2796	SHIRLEY KOUNTZE	60	1:13:50
2809	TOM LARSEN	53	1:16:13
2810	ANDREA LARSEN	53	1:16:13
2811	THOMAS JONES	54	1:16:13
2817	M.L. GRASSO-CONNORS	30	1:16:32
2821	HELEN ANDERSON	50	1:17:40
2829	BRENDA CRONIN	33	1:18:43
2830	LESLIE GANLEY	40	1:18:44
2831	JOE MORRISSEY	50	1:18:51
2832	BETH MORRISSEY	49	1:18:51
2833	BARBARA PATTULLO	42	1:19:07
2834	KIMBERLY KELLEY	21	1:19:09
2835	ANN DALY	52	1:19:14
2837	JOHN ZIADY	63	1:19:18
2838	GINNY ZIADY	56	1:19:18
2841	DON SCHROEDER	51	1:19:34
2842	WILLIAM SHAHEEN	43	1:19:42
2844	ANN GEARY	40	1:19:51
2845	CHRISTOPHER KISH	14	1:19:56
2848	MEREDITH KISH	12	1:20:01
2849	JANE KISH	45	1:20:01
2851	SALEHA WALSH	35	1:20:13
2855	FITZPATRICK		1:20:29
2858	CAROL BOILEAU	60	1:20:31
2859	EDWARD RATYNA	57	1:20:32
2860	SUSAN RATYNA	47	1:20:32
2862	CHARLES POOR	51	1:20:40

2863	CAROL POOR	50	1:20:45
2866	JENNIE MCKAIN	12	1:21:18
2867	EMELIE MCKAIN	9	1:21:18
2869	NANCY GUMP	63	1:21:38
2874	RITA MURPHY	38	1:22:07
2875	JANE HODGES	45	1:22:07
2876	AMY PONTI	29	1:22:08
2877	STEVE BARBOUR	35	1:22:09
2878	SUZANNE LYNCH	35	1:22:10
2879	VICKY WRIGLEY	79	1:22:19
2880	ADAM TROTTA	9	1:22:21
2881	LESLIE TROTTA	41	1:22:24
2882	M PARK LIOTTA	44	1:22:25
2883	BETTY JAFFE		1:22:25
2884	MARY SMITH	54	1:22:42
2886	MARY ANN PONTI	32	1:22:57
2890	HELENA MINTON	50	1:23:37
2896	BILL TYCHSEN	58	1:24:01
2897	ANN MURPHY	55	1:24:01
2899	KELLY DRISCOLL	26	1:24:02
2902	NORMAN VIEHMANN	69	1:24:15
2903	LAURIE LIEFMANN	36	1:24:16
2904	CARYN HARKINS	38	1:24:28
2905	WILL TYCHSEN	31	1:24:30
2906	KATY TYCHSEN	30	1:24:31
2907	BETSY MURPHY	31	1:24:45
2909	LORNA MURPHY	13	1:25:02
2910	HELEN HODGES	13	1:25:05
2912	CHRISTOPHER EDMONDS	45	1:25:37
2913	CHRISTINE EDMONDS	48	1:25:37
2925	NANCY MCKAIN	19	1:27:46
2926	LUCY MCKAIN	47	1:27:46
2929	DENISE THERRIEN	31	1:28:03
2930	DANIEL LEAVITT	40	1:28:03
2931	MIRIAM LEE	51	1:28:34

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Three AHS girls varsity soccer players selected to 1998 Eastern Mass. Division 1 All-Star team

By Rick Harrison

Three Andover High girls varsity soccer players have been selected to the 1998 Eastern Mass. Division 1 All-Star team. Junior midfielder Kasey Dexter and junior defender Amy Axelrod were both named to the first team, while senior captain and goalkeeper Kaitlin Dargan was chosen for the second team.

Dexter led the Merrimack Valley Conference champion Lady Warriors in scoring this fall with 12 goals and seven assists. Axelrod was a rock on defense and Dargan posted four shutouts in net.

Dargan participated in the Massachusetts State Interscholastic Senior All-Star Game on Sunday, Nov. 22, at Boston University's Nickerson Field.

Seeing soccer stars — From left are Kasey Dexter, Amy Axelrod and Kaitlin Dargan.

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To celebrate the one year anniversary of its retail outlet store in Lawrence, **Mia Bambini** is having a Christmas warehouse sale December 7 - 12.

This upscale children's clothing design company manufactures newborn, infant and toddler clothing, and recently added children's clothing in sizes 4-6x and 4-7, and in sleepwear, sizes 7-14. The demand for **Mia Bambini's** children's clothing has increased so that the store has added more warehouse space (and clothes) in the Riverwalk Building location.

During the Christmas sale, bring in a new or gently-used, giveable toy in a gift bag and

receive 25 percent off merchandise within the store. **Mia Bambini** will be donating all toys to local organizations for underprivileged children.

On Saturday, December 12, the warehouse sale features a ribbon-cutting ceremony, pictures with Santa Claus, refreshments, and face painting. Bill "Sully" Sullivan, author and owner of Painted Horse Publications will be signing children's story books and local radio station WKLB will be on hand.

Mia Bambini manufactures clothing in Montreal, Canada, under the **Mia Bambini** label, as well as many private labels, and

sells to better specialty department stores nationally and globally. Stop by the warehouse sale from December 7 - 12 and discover children's clothing in designs and colors that are off-beat and driven by color and texture and at warehouse prices.

The Christmas warehouse sale hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ask to be put on their mailing list to know about upcoming sales. There is plenty of parking in the back of the building.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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Boxboro won the team title again with 236 points, although Chelmsford gave the Colonials a serious run and finished with 218 points.

Notre Dame Academy was third (148) and Duxbury fourth (139), while immediately behind Andover in sixth and seventh place were Belmont (105) and Haverhill (87).

The most hotly-contested race of the day was the 200 free, where defending state champ Caitlin Klick of Chelmsford and Andover's Sally Brown both shattered the existing state record.

Klick, a senior who suffered her first two losses in three years at this distance when Brown won their dual-meet and North Sectional showdowns, finally nipped the Lady Warriors' frosh sensation in their final

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AHS ROUNDUP

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head-to-head race.

Klick touched first in 1:50.95, while Brown was a close second in 1:51.75 to eclipse her own recently-established school record.

The previous state-record time of 1:51.80 was set by Haverhill's Heidi Hovnanian in 1987.

"There were looks of complete surprise on both Caitlin and Sally's

face when the race was over," said coach Fitzgerald. "They couldn't believe they had gone that fast. Those are around Junior National cut times."

Brown added a personal-best and school-record 5:03.42 clocking in the 500 free — the marathon race in high school swimming.

She was second once again to North Sectional champ and current

state recordholder Lindsay Wolf of Acton-Boxboro.

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Andover chalked up 26 points in the one-meter diving by earning three of the top nine places.

"We were the only team with three divers who scored, and Kristin Elmore was the only freshman diver to place," said Fitzgerald.

Senior Capt. Caroline Crocker completed the best diving career in Andover High history, placing second despite scoring lower than anticipated.

The North Sectional champ

chalked up 423.40 points, which was well behind reigning state titlist Bates Gregory of Duxbury who repeated with a non-record 494.30 points.

"Caroline really picked up her performance on the final three (of 11) dives to clinch second place," said Fitzgerald.

Somewhere in the back of her mind may have been bad memories from last year's state meet, when the AHS captain suffered an injury after hitting the board and had to settle for 10th place.

Crocker, a two-time Merrimack

Valley Conference Division 1 champ and undefeated in dual meets for two years, is applying for early acceptance to Williams College.

A National Honor Society member, ranked 14th in the current AHS senior class, Crocker is also a good bet for Academic All-American.

Other talented divers who scored were sophomore Jen Busby and freshman Kristin Elmore.

Busby finished fifth with 380.15 points and Elmore was ninth with 342.95.

Junior Krit Kearins reached the

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Free Christian vs. St. Augustine E (Court 4)

Girls

1 p.m.

South vs. St. Augustine E (Court 2)

St. Augustine B vs. St. Robert's C (Court 3)

St. Robert's A vs. Christ Church (Court 4)

2 p.m.

St. Augustine D vs. West Parish (Court 3)

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JUNIOR DIVISION

Boys

12 noon

St. Augustine B vs. South (Court 1)

St. Augustine A vs. Temple Emanuel (Court 2)

1 p.m.

Free Christian vs. West Parish (Court 1)

Girls

12 noon

St. Augustine A vs. St. Augustine B (Court 3)

St. Robert's vs. South (Court 4)

AHS ROUNDUP

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semifinals and placed 15th with 228.55 points for eight dives (only finalists dive 11 times).

Credit for the Lady Warriors' overwhelming diving success goes to diving coach Mary Shissel.

Freshman Holly Boucher earned a second and third place, as well as joining Brown on the 200 and 400 free relays.

Boucher and Haverhill's Paige Crimmin, like Brown and Klick, reversed their North Sectional finishes in the 50 free sprint.

Sectional champ Boucher touched in 24.56 while Sectional runner-up Crimmin won the state title with a 23.62 clocking.

In the 100 free, Boucher finished in 53.97 and settled for third behind double event winner Crimmin (51.84) and Klick (52.11).

Sophomore Janice Chu contributed a 16th place in the 100 butterfly (1:04.38).

Andover placed second in the 200 free relay, fifth in the 400 free relay and 15th in the 200 medley relay.

Erica Douvadjian swam a leg on all three, while Brown and Boucher both swam the 200 and 400 free with Boucher anchoring the former race and Brown the latter.

Beth Couture completed the 200 squad, whose 1:42.46 time was second to a state-record effort by Chelmsford.

Chu rounded out the 400 free quartet, whose 3:44.56 clocking smashed the old AHS record of 3:45.91 set several years ago.

Chu, Couture and sophomore Hillary Schofield joined Douvadjian on the 200 medley squad (2:01.98).

ALL-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM & DIVE MEET

at Wellesley College pool

Top Teams

1. Acton-Boxboro 236 pts; 2. Chelmsford 218; 3. Notre Dame Academy 148; 4. Duxbury 139; 5. ANDOVER 123; 6. Belmont 105; 7. Haverhill 87. (40 teams participated).

Individual Events (Andover Placers & Some Winners)

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 15. Janice Chu, Hillary Schofield, Beth Couture & Erica Douvadjian, 2:01.98.

200 FREE: 1. Caitlin Klick (Chelms) 1:50.95 (state record); 2. Sally Brown (And) 1:51.75 (school record).

50 FREE: 1. Paige Crimmin (Hav) 23.62; 2. Holly Boucher (And) 24.56.

1-METER DIVING: 1. Bates Gregory (Duxbury) 494.30 pts; 2. Caroline Crocker (And) 423.40 pts; 5. Jen Busby (And) 380.15 pts; 9. Kristin Elmore (And) 342.95 pts; 15. Krit Kearins (And) 228.55 pts. (8 dives).

100 BUTTERFLY: 16. Chu 1:04.38.

100 FREE: 1. Crimmin (Hav) 51.84; 2. Klick (Chelms) 52.11; 3. Boucher (And) 53.97.

500 FREE: 1. Lindsay Wolf (Act.-Box.) 5:03.42 (school record).

200 FREE RELAY: 2. Couture, Douvadjian, Brown & Boucher, 1:42.46.

400 FREE RELAY: 5. Chu, Douvadjian, Boucher & Brown, 3:44.56 (school record).

ALL-STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

at Gardner Municipal Golf Club

2.9-mile course
Division 1 Girls
Top Teams

1. Amherst Regional 73 pts; 2. Newton South 76; 3. Wachusett Regional 126; 4. Westford Academy 135.

Individual Runners

1. Jessica Parrott (Westford) 16:55; 2. Emily Johnson (Newton South) 16:56; Andover: 52. Kristen Munson 18:54.

Correction

The names of two senior Andover High boys soccer players were omitted from the AHS Roundup article in last week's paper, which listed the players who will graduate from the team.

Nick Kline and Chris Page bring the number of seniors to nine, not seven as originally reported, and all will be among those honored at the upcoming Soccer Boosters Awards Banquet next Wednesday night at the Andover Marriott.

Results for Andover runners in the FEASTER FIVE are on Pages 44-47

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION

Docket No. 98P2691-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF HARRY AXELROD.

To all persons interested in the estate of HARRY AXELROD late of the County of Essex Date of Death, September 21, 1998.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will and codicil of said deceased by NANCY AXELROD of Sudbury in the County of Middlesex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving a surety on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON December 28, 1998.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date November 28, 1998.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
December 3, 1998

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert Partridge and Madeline Partridge to Personal Mortgage Corporation, dated August 26, 1996 and recorded with Essex County

Northern District Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 63791, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 11265, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at **Public Auction** at 11:00 O'clock A.M. on the 7th day of January, 1999, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Andover, Massachusetts, with buildings thereon bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly twenty-one and 57/100 (21.57) feet, and Easterly twenty-one and 63/100 (21.63) feet by the northwesterly and westerly lines of Center Street;

Southerly by lands now or formerly of Joseph DiFraia et al and of Ronald J. Powers et al one hundred fifteen and 90/100 (115.90) feet;

Westerly by said land now or formerly of Ronald J. Powers et al about fourteen (14) feet;

Northwesterly by the bank of Clark's Brook, and Easterly by land now or formerly of Sandra Rimas about eighty-three (83) feet.

All of said boundaries, except the water line, are determined by the Court to be located as shown on Plan No. 38521A, drawn by Andover Associates Surveyors, dated July 30, 1974, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 7655, Book 51, Page 425.

Being the same premises set forth on Certificate of Title No. 11265 issued to Robert Partridge and Madeline Partridge by Essex North Registry District of the Land Court, Book 83, Page 265.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles and other state, federal, and municipal assessments and liens, if any there be, which take precedence over this mortgage held by the undersigned, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record, if any, entitled to precedence over this mortgage. The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record, if any there be, and subject to any rights of redemption and all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession, if any, to the extent the same are enforceable and have priority over this mortgage. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, health or other state and/or municipal regulations, codes or ordinances.

TERMS OF SALE: Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be paid in cash, cashier's or certified check drawn on a Massachusetts bank or trust company at the time and place of sale; the high bidder shall execute a written memorandum of sale containing these additional terms upon acceptance of the bid; the balance of the bid price shall be paid in cash, cashier's or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale;

Deed to be delivered upon payment in full of the purchase price at offices of Mortgagee's counsel or otherwise as may be mutually agreed. Purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, state excise and documentary stamps and recording fees. The deposit paid at the time of sale shall be forfeited if the purchaser does not comply strictly with the terms of sale.

For authority of said sale see Decree of the Land Court, Case No. 245720. The description of the premises in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the date and time appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the date and time appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms to be announced at the time of sale which shall be binding on all bidders.

Sale to be held by **Public Auction** at or adjacent to the above-described premises: 5 CENTER STREET, ANDOVER, ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS on January 7, 1999 at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Brewster, New York,
Present Holder of Said Mortgage.

By Its Duly Authorized Attorney:

Michael Juster, Esquire
Lustig, Glaser & Wilson, P.C.
381 Elliot Street
Newton, MA 02164
Tel: (617) 969-4000

December 3, 10, & 17, 1998

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**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 98P2626-EP1
NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF KENNETH GROPPER.

To all persons interested in the estate of KENNETH GROPPER late of the County of Essex Date of Death, September 24, 1998.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by ANDREA J. GROPPER of Andover in the County of Essex and STEPHEN C. FLASHENBERG of Boston in the County of Suffolk, praying that they be appointed executors thereof, without giving a surety on their bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON December 21, 1998.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date November 17, 1998.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
December 3, 1998

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by JOHN P. DUFFY and MERCER B. DUFFY to FIRST NH BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION dated December 1, 1989 and recorded on December 4, 1989 in the Essex County (Northern District) Land Court, Document No. 48026, Certificate of Title No. 9722, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purposes of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction at 11:00 a.m. on January 8, 1999, on the mortgaged premises in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, and having an address of 27 Forest Hill Drive.

To wit:

that certain parcel of land situated in Andover in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY,
EASTERLY

AND SOUTHEASTERLY: by the southwesterly, westerly and northwesterly line of Forest Hill Drive three hundred seventy one and 44/100 (371.44) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY: by lot thirty one (31) as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned one hundred ninety seven and 49/100 (197.49) feet, and

NORTHWESTERLY: by part lot twenty eight (28) and lot twenty nine (29) on said plan two hundred sixty one and 48/100 (261.48) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on Plan No. 33355C, Sheet 3, drawn by Osborn Palmer, Inc., Surveyors, dated February 28, 1968, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 7052, Book 47, Page 413, and being designated as lot thirty (30) thereon.

There is appurtenant to the above described land the right to use all roads as shown on said plan for all purposes for which streets and roads are used in the Town of Andover in common with all others lawfully entitled thereto.

Being the same premises conveyed to JOHN P. DUFFY and MERCER B. DUFFY from MICHAEL E. ROE and MAXA R. ROE by Quitclaim Deed recorded on June 5, 1985 in Certificate of Title No. 9722, Book 98, Page 93, Document No. 37966.

The above premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all outstanding municipal taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens, easements, improvements, covenants or encumbrances of record created prior to this mortgage, if any.

Terms of Sale:

FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the highest bidder as earnest money to be held at the option of the Mortgagee as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale and the deed shall be transferred contemporaneously therewith. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms of the auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, attorney fees, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale of Real Estate and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that (i) said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder and (ii) title shall be conveyed to the said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice. The terms of sale with regard to the foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the second highest bidder shall be the same as described above. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone this sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation

at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

Dated: November 24, 1998

THE CADLE COMPANY, ASSIGNEE OF
FIRST NH BANK, SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO FIRST NH BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
The Present Holder of
Said Mortgage,

By: DAVID A. LAVENBURG, ESQ.
GOLD & VANARIA, P.C.

1350 Main St., Suite 1400
Springfield, MA 01103-1627

Tel: (413) 747-7700

Attorneys for the Mortgagee

December 3, 10 & 17, 1998

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

33 Topping Road
Andover, MA 01810

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Steven R. McIntire and Pamela J. McIntire to National Mortgage Company, Inc. dated July 1, 1986, and recorded with Essex Registry of Deeds in Book 2243, Page 52 as affected by a Confirmatory Mortgage recorded on Book 2658, Page 261, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on December 29, 1998, at or upon the mortgaged premises more particularly described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

Two certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel No. 1

Being shown as Lot No. 67 on plan entitled "Plan of Topping Terrace, Shawsheen Village, Andover, Massachusetts, Horace Hale Smith, Engineer", dated August 1921, recorded with North District of Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan #479, said premises being substantially bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY forty feet by Topping Road;

EASTERLY eighty feet by Lot #66 as shown on said plan;

SOUTHERLY forth (sic) feet by land of Owners Unknown, and

WESTERLY eighty feet by Lot #68 as shown on said plan.

PARCEL NO. 2

Commencing at the southeasterly corner of Parcel #1, thence running southerly in an extension of the easterly line of Parcel #1 one hundred feet; thence turning and running westerly in a line parallel with the southerly line of Parcel #1 forty feet; thence turning and running northerly in a straight line which is an extension of the westerly line of Parcel #1 one hundred feet to the southwesterly corner of Parcel #1; thence running easterly by the southerly line of Parcel #1 forty feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises as conveyed to me by deed of Robert J. Lanigan et us (sic) dated November 21, 1975, and recorded in Essex North Registry of Deeds in Book 1271, Page 746.

Excepting from Parcel 2 that portion of land taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and recorded in Book 929, Page 334.

which has the address of 33 Topping Road, Andover, Massachusetts 01810.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, betterments, liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, or entitled to precedence over the mortgage, if any, insofar as the same are still in force and applicable to the premises.

If the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale defaults in purchasing the property according to the terms of this notice of sale or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder deposits with Mortgagee's attorneys, Gaffin & Krattenmaker, P.C., the amount of the required deposit

as set forth below within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to the second highest bidder within thirty (30) days of the default.

TERMS OF SALE: Five thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) is to be paid in cash, certified check and/or bank cashier's check to be paid by the Purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by the Purchaser by certified check and/or bank cashier's check within forty-five (45) days thereafter at the offices of Kenneth Ingber, Esq., Gaffin & Krattenmaker, P.C., 2400 Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02199. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

OCWEN FEDERAL BANK FSB
present holder of said mortgage
by its attorney, Kenneth Ingber
GAFFIN & KRATTENMAKER, P.C.
2400 Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02199-8001
(617) 437-6530
November 25, December 3 & 10, 1998

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 56 Ballardvale Road
Andover, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ronald F. Hollander and Patricia K. Hollander to Arlington Trust Company dated December 11, 1985 and recorded with Essex County North Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 39115, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 8559, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 17th day of December, 1998, A.D. at 12:00 P.M. (NOON) at or upon the mortgaged premises, 56 Ballardvale Road, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

A certain parcel of land situated in Andover in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by land now or formerly of Ruth M. Jenkins as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred seventy-four and 85/100 (174.85) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by said Jenkins land by two lines, seventy-nine and 1/10 (79.1) feet and one hundred six (106) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by said Jenkins land by three lines, twenty-eight and 9/10 (28.9) feet, sixty-one (61) feet, and one hundred nine (109) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by Ballardvale Road on said plan by four lines, twelve (12) feet, seventy-six (76) feet, twenty-three (23) feet and twenty-nine and 76/100 (29.76) feet;

NORTHERLY by Ballardvale Road by two lines, thirty-three and 50/100 (33.50) feet and twenty-three and 5/10 (23.5) feet; and

EASTERLY by said Ballardvale Road by two lines, twenty-eight and 3/10 (28.3) feet, and seventy-nine and 5/10 (79.5) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on Plan No. 4162K, drawn by Dana W. Clark, C.E., dated April 1939 as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 2424, Book 16, Page 497, and being designated as Lot 1D thereon.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all outstanding municipal or other public taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/100 (\$5,000.00) must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (978) 443-8800. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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PRESENT HOLDER OF SAID MORTGAGE
November 19 & 26, December 3, 1998

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The requests for this five-year plan total over \$53.5M for building repair and maintenance, outdoor facilities repair and maintenance, sidewalk reconstruction, vehicle/equipment acquisition and replacement, sewer construction in the South Main Street, Ballardvale Street and Rogers Brook areas, construction of a new Public Safety Center, design and engineering of a new elementary and middle school, remote electronic water meters and Ledge Road landfill closure.

Copies of the Capital Improvement Program are available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Offices and the Memorial Hall Library during normal business hours.

All interested persons are welcome to submit their comments either in person or in writing.

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The following is a list of properties that sold in Andover between August 27 and September 15.

1 Anders O. Ekman bought 93 Salem St. for \$419,900, from David A. Rountree. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

2 Donna M. Norris bought 10 Dartmouth Road for \$260,000, from Donald S. Dowden. The mortgage is with Interate National Mortgage Corp.

3 Robert E. Lee bought 7 Andover Country Club Lane, Lot 53 for \$960,000, from CA Investment Trust.

4 Donald S. Dowden bought 9 Pleasant St. for \$410,000, from Gloria Malitsky. The mortgage is with Mortgage Master, Inc.

5 Jennifer A. Clark bought Unit 310, 16 Balmoral St. for \$72,000, from Joseph H. Moore. The mortgage is with Peoples Mortgage Corp.

6 George Xifaras bought 5 Launching Road for \$267,000, from Michael M. Gregoire. The mortgage is with Interate National Mortgage Corp.

7 Ganesh B. Govind bought 3 Cindy Lane for \$212,500, from Edward Grossman. The mortgage is with Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc.

8 Xiang Yi Li bought 229 High Plain Road, Lot 5 for \$267,000, from Thomas G. Sullivan. The mortgage is with Assurance Mortgage Corp. of America.

9 Mark Biddle bought 11 Sheridan Road, Lot 33 for \$415,000, from Richard A. Savrann. The mortgage is with Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc.

10 Lisa M. Kaminski bought Unit 211, North Main St. for \$78,000, from Three Hundred Fifty Four North Main Street



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This home, at 9 Patriot Drive, was recently sold for \$435,000.

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11 Peter C. Lai bought 9 Brown St. for \$191,920, from Mohammad Hossain. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

12 David H. Shute bought 8 Wedgewood Drive, Lot 12 for \$349,475, from Penelope A. Demers. The mortgage is with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

13 Gary M. Pelletier bought 9 Patriot Drive for \$435,000, from Gregory G. Faust. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

14 Yung P. Koh bought 7-9 Washington Ave. for \$232,000, from John Mooney II. The mortgage is with Stoneham Cooperative Bank.

15 Matthew E. Juros bought 42 River St., 3 Parcels for \$128,000, from Ross Family Living Trust Of February 19, 1991.

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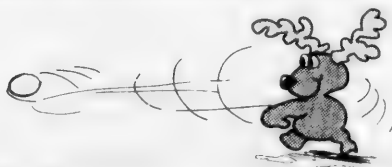
16 Michio Matsuki bought 5 Amherst Road, Lot 30-A for \$294,900, from Abolfazl Akbarzadeh-Yazdi. The mortgage is with Assurance Mortgage Corp of America.

17 Nigel M. Wilkinson bought 6 Marie Drive, Lot 37 for \$384,250, from Bruce J. Shook.

18 Jon D. Leslie bought 15 Elm Court for \$195,000, from Joseph E. Centrella. The mortgage is with DeWolfe Mortgage Services, Inc.

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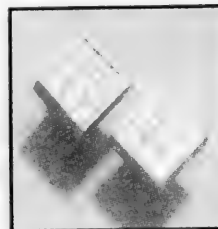
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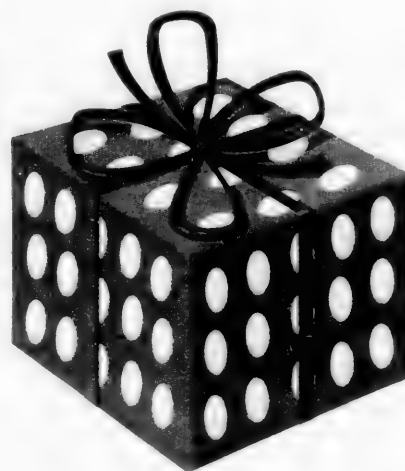
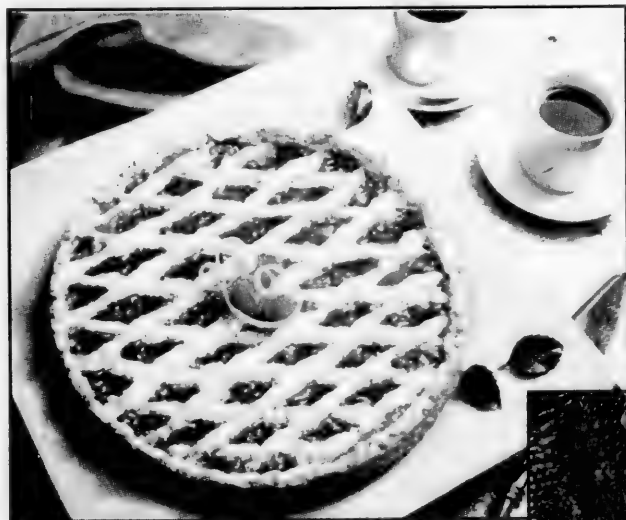
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December 3, 1998

Food, wine and beer add flavor to holiday giving and entertaining

By Karen Intravaia

Now that the month of December is upon us, holiday shopping is in full swing. It can become quite frustrating just trying to find a parking space at the mall during the holiday season, but long lines, crazed shoppers and the search for tree lights that don't blink are a large part of the holiday season. Fortunately, food and drink are also a part of the holiday season.

Andover Liquors, located at Shawsheen Plaza has great gifts idea's for the hard to buy for person on your list or for the host of the next party you attend.

Micro beers, which are beers brewed in small batches, are very popular and the demand for it has exploded over the past five years. James Connolly and Paul Allard, both employees of Andover Liquors said that during the holiday season, micro beer companies put out gift packs to allow customers to sample their brews.

One of the most popular micro beers this season is Magic Hat, which according to Connolly and Allard, is 'flying now'. They carry this brew in a variety nine pack. Many of these companies are capitalizing on the holiday season with special brews. Also popular are the 12 beers of Christmas by Saranac. Anchor Brewing Company has

a special 50.7-ounce Christmas Ale. "Anchor is one of the nation's oldest brewery out of San Francisco. It's huge out there, like Sam Adams is here," said Connolly.

"Since the demand for micro beers has exploded over the past four to five years, the number of companies has become innumerable. Now there are a few breweries in every state. Massachusetts is home to Sam Adams, Harpoon, and Mill City," said Allard.

"Most of these companies put out variety packs for those interested in trying them," said Connolly. According to Connolly and Allard, companies do need to be careful and not grow too fast. This was the fate of Pete's Wicked Ale.

"He went too far and made too many varieties and what happens is they end up competing against their own varieties, and shoot themselves in the foot," said Connolly.

In addition to micro beers most liquor stores also have a large selection of foreign beers. One of the most common is Pilsner Urquell, which is the first pilsner on earth. Pilsner comes from a city, Plzen in the Czech Republic. In his personal opinion, Connolly considers it the world's best beer.

"Budweiser copied Pilsner Urquell's style," said Connolly. "It's considered a national treasure and when



Photo by Karen Intravaia

Steven Lloyd of Andover makes a selection at Andover Liquors. Beer and wine are popular gifts as well as staples of almost any holiday party.

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An interview with the 'Royal' family

Gift Guide: We are at that time of year again when everyone wants to know what's "hot" for the holidays?

Paula: There are so many exciting changes in fashion, jewelry designers are setting their own trends.

GG: What does that mean?

Paula: There was a time when all jewelers were selling "generic" jewelry. In fact, most still are today. However, the more sophisticated jewelry shopper wants a look that is distinct and recognizable in design and quality.

Steven: Jewelry designers and their designs have become famous world wide. The jewelry of David Yurman, Chopard and Philippe Charriol, to name a few, are all very different. They all have their own look, anyone seeing this jewelry will surely appreciate their beauty and recognize their signature design.

GG: Does Royal Jewelers have many of these designers?

Paula: Royal Jewelers has more designers on display than any other jeweler in New England. More than 50 world famous designers fill our showcases.

GG: Wow, that's impressive. Is designer jewelry more expensive?

Steven: Absolutely not. Royal Jewelers has wonderful designer jewelry at prices that are affordable to most jewelry shoppers. For example, you can purchase a pair of David Yurman earrings for as reasonable as \$130.

GG: Sounds like you have something for everyone.

Steven: Yes, but the key is Royal Jewelers has the designs that are vogue. The newest and freshest designs from around the world. We are constantly looking for styles that are timeless. Jewelry that will look beautiful today and in years to come.

GG: Everybody always seems so cheerful here — shoppers and salespeople. Can you give away the secret?

Paula: There is no secret. We sell happiness. Jewelry is a feel-good purchase. It feels good to buy and wear something beautiful. It is your individual mark.

Steven: Our goal is not to just sell you a piece of jewelry but to sell you a piece of jewelry you love. None of our sales associates sell on commission. There is no financial incentive for anyone behind the counter to make a sale. Our reward is our Royal shoppers happiness.

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GG: Speaking of selection, Royal Jewelers has a huge selection of watches.

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Swiss watches on display.

GG: Is Cartier new at Royal Jewelers?

Paula: Yes, We have all the "hot" Cartier watch styles - Panther, Tank Francais, Pasha and the Cartier pens.

Steven: The Cartier pens are very affordable with prices starting around \$100. They are great gifts for men or women during the holidays. A number of our corporate accounts also found them very attractive this season.

GG: Do you have many gift ideas for the corporate buyer?

Steven: Yes, we sell to major corporations to fulfill their needs for both the holidays and awards programs. We make corporate gift-giving easy. We have the expertise to tailor a program according to the company's needs.

GG: So, what's hot for the holidays?

Paula: The platinum look. Jewelry

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GG: What if all the jewelry one has is yellow gold?

Paula: Women today are mixing their white and yellow jewelry. It is a strong and well accepted fashion statement. Royal Jewelers also has many new designs in two tone - a combination of white and yellow gold.

GG: All this jewelry is so beautiful. How do I let my loved one know exactly what I want?

Steven: That's easy. Simply fill out a wish card. Anytime you see a piece of jewelry you love, tell us to put it on your wish list. Your "loved one" tells any sales associate your name, we look up your wish list card and you get exactly what you want.

GG: That's great, with all of this, why would anyone want to shop with any other jeweler?

Steven: There are 27,000 jewelers in America. For the past four years, Royal Jewelers has been in the top 125. It is a recognition and honor in which we take much pride. We are continually growing and fine tuning this business to keep our customers happy. We want everyone to become a "loyal Royal shopper."

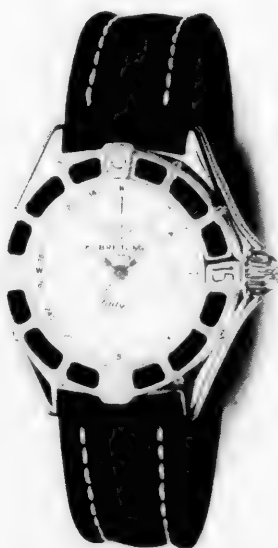
GG: You certainly have convinced me.

Steven: Thank you.

Paula: Thank you. We wish you and all your readers a very happy and healthy holiday.



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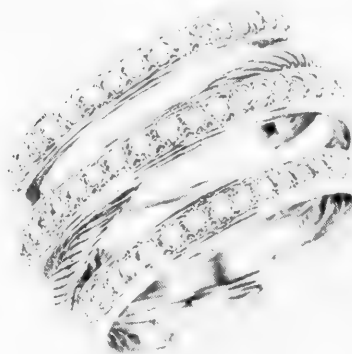
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heard of doesn't mean it is good. And just because a company has a variety of beer does not mean that all of the varieties are good.

"Just like wine, many of these beers are all about having a palette," Allard said. They suggest a sampler variety pack as a gift idea and a along with the book, *Dummy's Guide to Beer*. If you want to try some of these micro beers and don't know where to start, James and Paul said the best thing to do is to ask the staff of your local liquor store.

Wine is another consideration for the holidays. How can you show up to a dinner party empty-handed?

"We cover all the countries and have pre-selected wines. We carry the top 10 within each given category. We attend wine tastings to choose the wines we stock," said Bryan Laplante, assistant wine manager.

Don't know which wine to serve with the meal? Many stores will recommend wines to their customers.

"If someone brings in a menu we can help choose a wine for each course," said Laplante.

Looking for something yummy to bring to a holiday party?

The Butler's Pantry in Andover offers a display of fancy chocolates including Godiva and Neuhaus from Belgium.

Truffles and other delectable chocolates are available. Baked fresh daily are bagels, scones, French bread,



Need a quick gift idea or want to offer a special treat at your holiday party? Gourmet chocolates such as Godiva can be found at gourmet shops like The Butler's Pantry in Andover.

and cookies.

Prepared food is a great option to slaving away in the kitchen for a holiday party. Something as simple and easy as cold cuts and rolls from the grocery store to the minimal-effort crab-stuffed mushrooms from Hometown Seafoods in Andover to the wide variety of prepared gourmet foods from The

Vineyard in North Andover are sure to satisfy any appetite during the busy holiday season.

Want to dress up the holiday table? Paper plates and cups make for the easiest clean-up while tablecloths, cloth napkins and china teacups and plates can add a little elegance to holiday gatherings.



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Creating new holiday decorating traditions

By Katherine Cook

Holiday decorating, like other forms of home decorating, has gone through many transitions over the years. Ten years ago, decorative statements were largely thematic—you selected a common subject or color scheme and carried it throughout the house. The trend in recent years has been toward a more eclectic look, mixing ribbons, holiday collectibles and seasonal foliage to create statements that catch the eye and create renewed interest in traditional collections.



No matter what kind of look you prefer, remember these two important rules of thumb: use decorations to express your own personal style and decorate for you and your family's enjoyment, first and foremost.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Expand your decorating space! If you only decorate a tree for the family room, consider adding another, more formal tree in the living room. Or bring the magic of the holidays into your children's bedrooms with their own miniature trees to decorate.

- Move your Christmas tree to a new location. I moved the beautiful tree I usually have in the living room—which I hardly ever see—to the back porch so that I can enjoy it everyday.

- Put the wreath you would normally hang outside the door, inside the door for the family to enjoy—not just the neighbors.

- Mix coordinating holiday ribbons in each room statement and carry one common color throughout the house to pull your look together.

- Mix holiday collectibles. Don't feel that if you have a Santa or snowman collection, they all need to be displayed together. Create groupings in new spaces—shelves, counters, tables—that incorporate a variety of your holiday favorites to create eye interest and appeal.

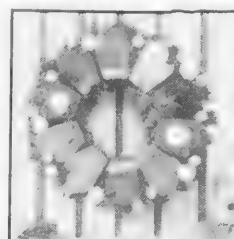
- Get your family involved in the decorating ritual. It's a terrific way to get in the spirit of the season, develop new holiday traditions and create lasting memories for the entire family.

Katherine Cook is divisional vice president of Home Gallery for Enesco Corporation and experienced in the home décor industry. (NAPSA)

Create untraditional holiday wreaths

'Tis the season to make new traditions. buttons, bows, lace, et cetera.

While evergreen boughs trimmed with bows and ornaments remain the traditional holiday decoration, the HIA (Hobby Industry Association) offers these tips to create fabulous and fun "untraditional" holiday wreaths:



- Cut 10 mitten shapes from 1/2" thick plastic foam. Cover with and glue on colored fabric. Glue the shapes on an artificial wreath with mitten wrists facing toward center. Decorate with

- Paint a snowman's face and shoulders onto the crown and bottom third of the brim of a straw hat. Paint the rest of the brim blue with dots of snow. Add buttons, bows, a scarf and a one-dimensional felt-top hat.

- Wrap 12 thin, rectangular pieces of plastic foam in metallic gift-wrapping paper. Adorn with metallic ribbons and place spherically around the plastic foam wreath and glue in place. (NAPSA)



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Update holiday look with new seasonal style

The countdown to Christmas has begun. Soon, the majority of families will be taking part in the ritual of holiday decorating. They'll be climbing foot stools and reaching high up into the closets to pull down boxes stocked with holiday treasures. Furniture will be rearranged, opening up just the right spot for the Christmas tree. Mantles and tables will be cleared of day-to-day trinkets, soon to be replaced with festive accessories and holiday collectibles.

According to a recent Market Facts survey commissioned by Coming Home, 85 percent of women say they look forward to this hum of activity. Some of the excitement may stem from this being a once-a-year chance to transform your home without major renovations.

Creating a holiday home is near and dear to our hearts, too. Much like a snowflake, no house is quite like the next because each of us carries distinct feelings of what makes an ideal holiday home. "Christmas is a time to show your own personal style. It's a feeling more than anything," said Alan Boehmer interior designer and stylist for Coming Home with Lands' End. "Whether you choose to decorate with a traditional, rustic or contemporary flair, your own touches will make your home special."

Boehmer offers the following tips to give your home a fresh, new look this year:

Traditional flair

About two-thirds of women surveyed decorate their homes with the all-time

favorite, holiday theme —traditional. Conjuring up memories of holidays past, many Americans are incorporating holiday plaid and tinsel into their holiday theme. To give a home some pizzazz, try some of the following:

- Use traditional elements but in non-traditional colors. Instead of red and green, use blue and green or burgundy and charcoal. A new coupling of colors will give a home a refreshing look this season.

- Spice up your greens with dried flowers like baby's breath, golden yarrow and heather. Berries and apples also add nice spots of color. Weaving a holiday plaid ribbon through a row of Granny Smith apples makes a unique garland for the mantle or table runner.

- For a truly magical tree, substitute traditional white lights with candles. Mercury glass ornaments will dance in the candlelight, sparkling in the holiday spirit. Metal holders and styrene candles can be found at local hardware stores. Remember for safety reasons the tree must be very green and fresh.

- Make your dining room table as festive as your family room with a small tabletop tree. Simply decorated with plaid ribbon and berries, this fragrant addition will dress up any table.

- Tempt the sweet tooth with an arrangement of sugared fruit. Look for an assortment that offers a variety of sizes and colors. Grapes, cherries, lemons, oranges, and kumquats are

wonderful suggestions. And it's best to buy them firm so they last. After dipping each piece in egg whites, roll in a dish of sugar. The fruit will last for about a week, making a colorful centerpiece for any coffee table or mantle.

Revitalizing the Rustic Look

Houses that best lend themselves to a rustic look are log cabin homes, farmettes or contemporary homes. Approximately 11 percent of women surveyed have adopted this woody theme in their home decor. Following are tips to fashion a home with a rustic look:

- Replace evergreen garland with bramble branches, adding color with berry branches of blackberry or raspberry. Fill in empty spaces with pinecones, nuts and berries.

- The family tree can be fashioned in the spirit of years gone-by with natural decorations. Strings of cranberries and popcorn can replace sparkling tinsel. Or wrap the tree with raffia. Dried fruits like citrus slices and flowers can hang from the tree lending charm and color.

- Wreaths, hanging over the mantle or on the door, can be a simple ring of pinecones, or decorate a circle of grapevine with dried pepper berries.

- Carry the theme throughout the house by scattering packages wrapped in crafted paper with raffia ribbon.

Classy contemporary

For a clean, minimalist look, pull out all the decorations you have in one color. About 14 percent of American women will be participating in this ritual, saying they adorn their homes and trees in a monochromatic, modern theme. Simplicity is the key to this style. Here are some hints to get you started:

- Use long needle pines for draping garland over fireplaces and along end tables. Introduce contrast with potted orchids in terracotta pots.

- For the tree, pick very simple decorations and use sparingly. If needed, the tree can be dressed up with flowing, iridescent gold ribbon. Or, exhibit the unordinary by displaying a grouping of trees trimmed only with white lights.

- Tabletops can be classically styled with a silver tray of pinecones. Or cluster handblown glass candleholders accessorized with holly sprigs or incense cedar.

- Strike gold with a timeless centerpiece. Simply place gilded resin pears in a wrought iron basket.

- A simple corner arrangement can be created by partnering pine with birch branches painted in silver or gold.

"After a busy day of holiday decorating and before the guests arrive, remember to take some time for yourself to sit back and bask in the beauty of your holiday creation," Boehmer concludes. (ARA)



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Hot Crabmeat Dijon Dip

8 ounces cream cheese*, softened
6 tablespoons Grey Poupon Dijon Mustard, divided**
1/2 cup chili sauce
2 teaspoons prepared horseradish**
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill, divided
1 (6-ounce) can crabmeat, drained and flaked
1/2 cup plain dry bread crumbs
1 tablespoon margarine or butter, melted
Vegetable crudites or assorted crackers, for dipping

In medium bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, blend cream cheese, 5 tablespoons mustard, chili sauce, horseradish, lemon juice and 1 teaspoon dill. Stir in crabmeat. Spoon mixture into greased 1-quart shallow baking dish. Combine bread crumbs, margarine or butter and remaining mustard and dill; sprinkle over crab mixture. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through. Serve with vegetable crudites or assorted crackers. Yield 2 cups.

*Lowfat cream cheese may be substituted for regular cream cheese

**6 tablespoons Grey Poupon Horseradish Mustard may be substituted for Dijon mustard; omit horseradish.

Source: Grey Poupon

Spinach Dip

Yield: 1 1/4 cups

1/2 cup ranch-style fat-free salad dressing
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream alternative
1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
1 tablespoon reduced fat real bacon bits
1/2 teaspoon liquid hot pepper seasoning
Wheat Thins Snack Crackers

In blender or food processor, blend dressing and sour cream alternative; add spinach and blend until smooth. Stir in bacon bits and hot pepper seasoning. Cover; chill until serving time. Serve as a dip with snack crackers.

Nutrient Information Per Serving (2 tablespoons dip, 8 crackers)

Calories: 99
Fat: 3 gm
Sodium: 279 mg
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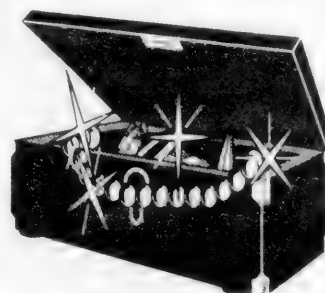
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Hors d'oeuvre parties — easy and elegant

It's the time of year when holiday panic could set in. But don't let the lack of free time during the busy holiday season stop you from enjoying its most unforgettable moments — family, close friends and great-tasting food. Gather one and all and joyously capture the holiday spirit by hosting a festive hors d'oeuvre party or open house.

Holiday entertaining doesn't have to be difficult. In fact, with these simple recipes from Pepperidge Farm and Monterey Mushrooms, you can quickly and easily create mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres that will leave your guests thinking you spent hours in the kitchen. Just start with frozen puff pastry and wrap it around or fill it with delicious, fresh mushrooms.

Then you can treat your guests to an elegant array of savory finger delights. It's that easy. You can even prepare these part-perfect recipes in advance to guarantee that you spend more time with friends and family and not in the kitchen.

Holiday entertaining tips:

- Plan an "hors d'oeuvre exchange" with a couple of friends. Have each person prepare one recipe, then get together and share them all.

- Cut leftover puff pastry and mushrooms into festive shapes to use as garnishes on serving trays.

- Tie ribbons and bows around serving trays to dress up your table.

- Have a wine tasting. Have each guest bring a different flavor of wine to share with everyone.

- Decorate your table with festive reminders of the holidays such as glitter, ornaments and holly.

Portabella Mushroom Napoleons

Thaw Time: 30 min.
Prep/Assembly Time: 15 min.
Bake Time: 20 min.
Makes 18 appetizers

½ pkg. (17½-oz. size) Pepperidge Farm Frozen Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet)
2 tbsp. margarine
1 pkg. (8 oz.) Monterey Fresh Portabella Mushrooms
3 tbsp. chopped fresh basil
2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced and cut in half
9 slices deli provolone cheese, cut in half

Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature 30 min. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Remove stems from mushrooms and discard. Cut mushroom caps into ½" slices.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Cut into 3 strips along fold marks. Cut each strip into 6 rectangles. Place 2" apart on baking sheet.

Bake 15 min. or until golden.

Remove from baking sheet and cool on wire rack.

In skillet over medium heat, heat margarine. Add mushrooms and cook until tender, about 5 min. Stir in basil.

Split pastries into 2 layers, making 36 layers in all. Place 18 bottom layers on baking sheet. Loosely roll cheese. Divide tomatoes, mushrooms and cheese among bottom layers. Top with top layers.

Bake at 400 degrees F. for 5 min. or until cheese is melted.

Make Ahead Tip: Pastry layers can be made ahead. Bake, cool and split pastries according to recipe. Store layers in airtight container for up to 24 hr.

Basil-Mushroom Caps

Thaw Time: 30 min.
Prep Time: 15 min.
Bake Time: 15 min.
Makes 20 appetizers

½ pkg. (17½-oz. size) Pepperidge Farm Frozen Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet)
1 tbsp. margarine
1 pkg. (8 oz.) Monterey Fresh Whole Mushrooms, cut in quarters
1 small onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
1 tbsp. chopped fresh basil or 1 tsp. dried basil leaves, crushed

Thaw pastry sheet at room

temperature 30 min. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

In skillet over medium heat, heat margarine. Add mushrooms, onion and garlic and cook until liquid evaporates, stirring often. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese and basil.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Roll into 15" x 12" rectangle.

Cut into 20 (3") squares. Press squares into bottoms of 1 1/2" mini muffin-pan cups. Place about 1 tbsp. mushroom mixture in center of each.

Bake 15 min. or until golden. Garnish with additional fresh basil.

Make ahead tip: Filling can be made ahead. Prepare according to recipe.

Cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hr.

Stuffed Mushroom Caps

Thaw Time: none
Prep Time: 15 min.
Bake Time: 25 min.
Makes 8 appetizers

8 oz. medium White or Golden Italian (Brown) Monterey Mushrooms
½ lb. lean pork sausage, casing removed
2 tbsp. margarine or butter
1 yellow onion, chopped
2 tbsp. chopped fresh oregano
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
½ cup ricotta cheese (about 4 oz.)
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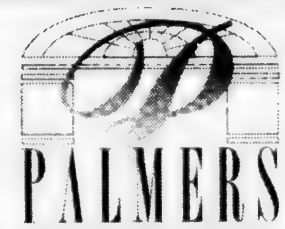
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- ½ cup bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Remove stems from mushrooms and discard.

In medium skillet over medium heat, heat margarine. Add mushrooms and cook until tender, about 5 min. Remove mushrooms from skillet and place top-side down in shallow baking pan. Set aside.

In same skillet add sausage and cook over medium-high heat until browned, stirring often to separate meat. Pour off fat.

In food processor or blender, place sausage, onion, oregano, parsley, ricotta cheese, eggs, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and Parmesan cheese. Cover and blend until smooth. Spoon sausage mixture into mushroom caps.

Bake for 10 min. or until hot.

Brie En Croute

- Thaw Time: 30 min.
- Prep Time: 15 min.
- Cook Time: 20 min.
- Makes 12 servings

- ½ pkg. (17½-oz. size) Pepperidge Farm Frozen Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet)
- 1 egg

- 1 tbsp. water
- ½ cup apricot preserves or seedless raspberry jam
- ½ cup dried cranberries, softened
- ½ cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1 Brie cheese round (about 1 lb.)
- Pepperidge Farm Water Crackers

Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature 30 min. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix egg and water and set aside.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Roll into 14" square. Cut off corners to make a circle. Spread preserves to 1" of pastry edge. Sprinkle cranberries and almonds over preserves. Top with cheese. Brush edges of circle with egg mixture. Fold two opposite sides over cheese. Trim remaining two sides to 2" from edge of cheese. Fold these two sides into the round.

Press edges to seal. Place seam-side down on baking sheet. Decorate top with pastry scraps if desired. Brush with egg mixture.

Bake 20 min. or until golden. Let stand 1 hr. Serve with crackers.

Tip: To soften cranberries, in bowl mix dried cranberries and 1/2 cup hot water. Let stand 1 min. Drain and pat dry.

Mushroom and Bacon Triangles

- Thaw Time: 30 min.
- Prep Time: 25 min.
- Bake Time: 20 min.
- Makes 32 appetizers

- 1 pkg. (17½ oz. size) Pepperidge Farm Frozen Puff Pastry Sheets (2 sheets)
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp. water
- 2 slices bacon, diced
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) Monterey Fresh Whole Mushrooms, coarsely chopped
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ tsp. dried thyme leaves, crushed
- ½ cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened

Thaw pastry sheets at room temperature 30 min. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Mix egg and water. Set aside.

In skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Pour off all but 1 tbsp. drippings. Add mushrooms, onions, garlic and thyme and cook until liquid evaporates, stirring often. Remove from heat. Stir in Swiss cheese and cream cheese.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Roll each sheet into a 12" square and cut each into 16 (3") squares. Place 1 tbsp. mushroom mixture in center of each square. Brush edges of squares with egg

mixture. Fold squares to form triangles. Press edges to seal. Place 2" apart on baking sheet.

Brush with egg mixture.

Bake 20 min. or until golden.

Make ahead tip: Filling can be made ahead. Prepare according to recipe. Cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hr.

Additional recipes

For more mushroom recipes, visit the Monterey Mushrooms' Web site at: www.montmush.com. For more great recipes using Pepperidge Farm PuffPastry, visit their Web site at: www.puffpastry.com or call 1-800-762-8301. Also visit www.culinary.net for a large variety of recipes.

Quick and easy tips for mushroom care, handling

- Keep mushrooms dry and refrigerated.
- Never store in plastic bags.
- Don't wash, rinse or clean mushrooms until ready to use.
- Don't scrub or peel before serving; you may trim the stem end if it's dry.
- To clean, use a soft vegetable brush or gently wipe with a damp cloth. Or, rinse quickly with cold water; immediately pat dry with paper towels.
- Never soak mushrooms.

Source: Monterey Mushrooms
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Invite friends for a hearty brunch of waffles with Escalloped Apples or Biscuit Topped Breakfast Casserole. Large, party-size frozen Vegetable Lasagna or Macaroni and Cheese are

satisfying main dishes. Use frozen side dishes to cut the time involved in preparing recipes. Spinach and Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms and Cheesy Crab and Broccoli Spread are great party fare when combined with a variety of chips, dips, multicolored pre-cut vegetables and spirited beverages.

The day of the big feast, turn to your freezer for traditional side dishes like Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Au Gratin and Green Bean Mushroom Casserole. They are available in convenient 40-ounce containers for large family gatherings. Your guests will never know they came from the supermarket if you defrost them first (follow package directions) and put them in your own casserole dishes before baking.

Feeding family and guests over the holidays doesn't mean you have to spend hours studying cookbooks, shopping for ingredients or creating culinary showstoppers. For additional recipes for holiday meal solutions using convenient frozen entrees and side dishes, check out www.stouffers.com.

Spinach and Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms

(Makes 8 to 10 servings)

- 1 package (12 ounces) Stouffer's frozen Spinach Souffle, defrosted*
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 cups herb-seasoned stuffing (not

- crouton style)
- 8 ounces bulk Italian sausage; thoroughly cooked, drained and crumbled
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus additional for garnish
- 2 1/2 to 3 pounds whole white mushrooms, stems removed

Melt butter in medium saucepan; add onion and cook until translucent. Add water; heat to boiling. Remove pan from heat. Add herb-seasoned stuffing; stir until moistened. Stir in Spinach Souffle, cooked sausage and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese.

Arrange mushrooms on baking sheet; fill with spinach mixture, mounding slightly. Sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese.

Bake in preheated 400 degree F. oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until cheese and mushrooms are lightly browned.

*Defrost Spinach Souffle in microwave on 50 percent power for 6 to 7 minutes.

Cheesy Crab and Broccoli Spread

(Makes about 6 cups)

- 1 package (40 ounces) Stouffer's frozen Family Style Favorites Broccoli Au Gratin, defrosted*
- 1/2 pound (1 1/2 cups) chopped imitation crabmeat
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese

- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- French bread and/or pita chips

Process Broccoli Au Gratin in food processor until broccoli is about 1/2-inch in size.

Combine processed Broccoli Au Gratin, crabmeat, milk, cheese, onion, hot pepper sauce and salt in large bowl; transfer to 2-quart baking dish.

Bake in preheated 400 degree F. oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until heated through. Serve warm with French bread.

*To defrost: Cut film to vent. Microwave on high power for 12-13 minutes; stir.

Turkey and Green Bean Almondine

(Makes 6 to 8 servings)

- 1 package (36 ounces) Stouffer's frozen Green Bean Mushroom Casserole, defrosted*
- 3 cups fully cooked turkey or chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 cups herbed seasoned stuffing croutons
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Combine Green Bean Mushroom Casserole, turkey, croutons, milk and

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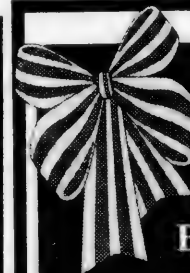


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mustard in large bowl; transfer to 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Top with cheese and almonds.

Bake in preheated 400 degree F. oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until heated through.

*To defrost: Cut film to vent. Microwave on high power for 12-13 minutes. Stir.

Apple Sundae Parfaits

(Makes 3 servings)

- 1 package (12 ounces) Stouffer's frozen Escalloped Apples, fully cooked according to package directions and chilled
- 2 teaspoons rum or almond liqueur, optional
- Vanilla ice cream
- Caramel sauce

Combine Escalloped Apples and rum. For each sundae parfait, layer ice cream, caramel sauce and apple mixture in parfait glass or bowl.

Biscuit Topped Breakfast Casserole

(Makes 10 servings)

- 1 package (40 ounces) Stouffer's frozen Family Style Favorites Scalloped Potatoes, defrosted*
- 1 pound bulk breakfast sausage, fully cooked, drained and crumbled
- 5 eggs, lightly beaten

- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon onion powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 can (12 ounces) refrigerated biscuit dough

Combine potatoes, fully cooked sausage, eggs, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups Cheddar cheese, onion powder and black pepper in 9x13-inch baking pan.

Bake in preheated 400 degree F. oven for 25 minutes. While potato mixture is baking, slice each round of biscuit dough in half to make half moons. Carefully remove potato mixture from oven; top with biscuit dough and sprinkle with remaining cheese. BAKE an additional 15 to 17 minutes or until biscuits are fully cooked and knife inserted in potato mixture comes out clean.

*To defrost: Cut film to vent. Microwave on high power for 15 to 17 minutes. Stir.

Timesaving Tips

Cut cooking time almost in half; thaw a frozen entree following package instructions in the refrigerator before you bake it. After the product is thawed and cooked, do not refreeze it.

Let every family member share in the responsibilities of the holidays. Even young children can wrap gifts, set the table, decorate cookies or make holiday decorations.

Plan self-serve meals such as make

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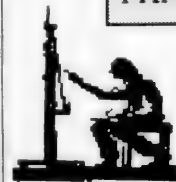
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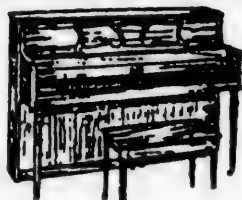
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(makes 4 servings)

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Baking Time: 10-15 minutes

4 six-ounce fresh California King Salmon Fillets

Country Herb Crust

1/2 cup toasted almonds

1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh herb leaves (basil, oregano, dill or tarragon)

1 tablespoon chilled butter or margarine cut into small pieces

1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt

1/2 teaspoon seasoned pepper

Rinse salmon fillets and pat dry. In food processor coarsely chop almonds. Add fresh herb, butter, seasoned salt and pepper. Pulse process until all ingredients are mixed and a solid mixture forms. Place King Salmon fillets skin side down on lightly greased baking pan. Top each fillet with nut mixture patting it on to form crust. Bake in preheated 400 degree F oven for 12 to 15 minutes. Salmon is done when meat flakes easily and is evenly colored. The salmon will continue to cook after it's removed from the oven.

Nutrients per serving: calories 370; protein 40g; iron 2mg; carbohydrates 4g; fat 22g; calcium 58mg; cholesterol 74mg; fiber 2g; sodium 356mg.

Source: California Salmon Council



Christmas Granola

4 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)

1/2 cup shredded coconut

1/2 cup chopped pecans

1/2 cup honey

1/2 cup raw, unsalted sunflower seeds (optional)

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted

2 teaspoons grated orange peel

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)

One 6-ounce package dried cranberries (about 1 1/2 cups)

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, combine oats, coconut, pecans, honey and sunflower seeds; mix well. In small bowl, combine butter, orange peel, vanilla, cinnamon and salt; blend well. Drizzle butter mixture over oats mixture; mix well. Spread evenly in 15 x 10-inch jelly roll pan.

Bake 40 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes.

Remove granola from oven; stir in cranberries. Cool completely in pan. Store tightly covered in a cool, dry cabinet up to 2 weeks.

Yield: 6-1/2 Cups

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your own tacos, build your own sandwiches or assemble your own salads.

Turn to the variety of frozen main dish casseroles available in your supermarket freezer section. Add a bagged salad and garlic bread and you have a meal.

Serve premium ice cream with Escalloped Apples or thawed berries for a quick dessert.

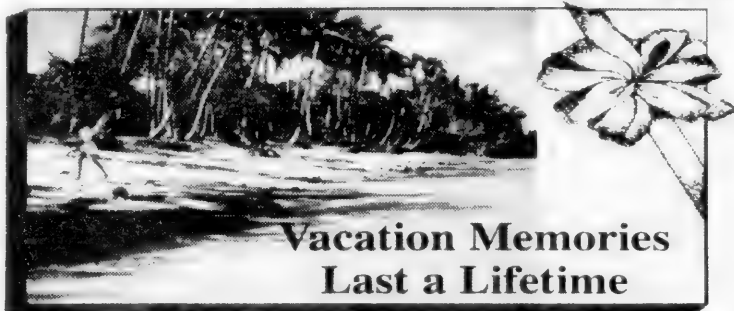
Side dishes from the freezer such as Green Bean Mushroom Casserole, Broccoli Au Gratin or Scalloped Potatoes can make rotisserie chicken or deli sandwiches into a nourishing meal.

You can easily put together a party with already prepared foods such as precut vegetables and dips, hummus with pita bread quarters, deli meats, cheeses, Greek and Spanish olives and pasta salad.

Why serve dinner? Consider serving appetizers or desserts at a cookie exchange, holiday bowl game party or a quiet evening with friends watching a classic holiday movie. Invite other parents over after the children's holiday pageant, and entertain with a simple menu of punch, decorated cookies, fruit and cheese.

Source: Stouffer's Family Style Favorites and Stouffer's Frozen Prepared Entrees And Side Dishes

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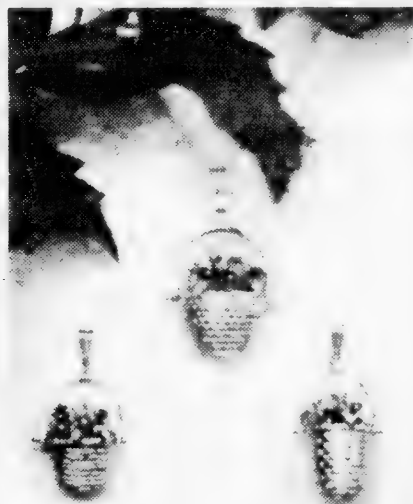
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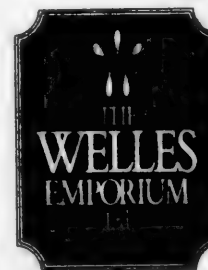
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Holiday Herb and Nut Pilaf

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup thinly sliced Shiitake or button mushrooms
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 medium-size red or yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 3 cups cooked rice (cooked in beef broth)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coarsely chopped toasted pecans*
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat butter in large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add onion, mushrooms and garlic. Cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Add red bell pepper cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes. Add rice, pecans, thyme, salt and pepper. Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

Makes 6 servings.

*To toast pecans, place on baking sheet; bake 5 to 7 minutes in 350-degree oven, or until pecans are just beginning to darken and are fragrant.

Each serving provides 249 calories, 4 grams protein, 12 grams fat, 32 grams carbohydrate, 3 grams dietary fiber, 5 milligrams cholesterol and 431 milligrams sodium.

Source: USA Rice Council, Home Economics Department, (713) 270-6699

Special holiday desserts are festive

The weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years Day find us hosting family and friends for the most festive gatherings of the year. Yet few of us have the time or desire at this busy time of year to spend hours in the kitchen preparing a bountiful spread from beginning to end.

Savvy holiday cooks concentrate on just one or two spectacular homemade dishes and fill in the rest of the menu with prepared items from the supermarket or local caterer. And, since a sweet treat served at the end of the meal or at an evening gathering is appreciated by all, many choose to spend their time in the kitchen creating something rich and luscious.

For your next holiday party, the Quaker Kitchens suggest Raspberry Linzertorte, a quick-to-fix variation of the elegant Austrian dessert. This updated version features a lemon-almond flavored oatmeal cookie crust. Oats' naturally nutty flavor and whole grain texture make them a perfect low-fat replacement for ground nuts. The same crust mixture is used to form a lattice that bakes on top of the raspberry fruit spread filling.

If you're looking for a more traditional holiday dessert, try Pumpkin Silk Pie. Quick or old fashioned oats replace some of the flour in the crust, adding a nutty whole grain taste and texture. The rich flavor of the no-bake pumpkin-cream cheese filling disguises its low-fat ingredients.

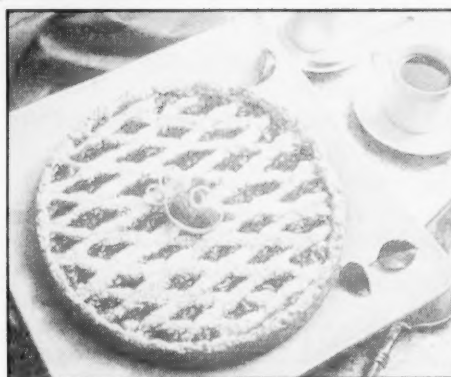


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Raspberry Linzertorte

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped almonds
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 11 tablespoons butter or margarine chilled
- 2 tablespoons water
- One 10-ounce jar seedless raspberry fruit spread
- Powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350F.

In large bowl, combine flour, oats, powdered sugar, almonds and lemon peel. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Stir in water until dough is moistened. Reserve 1 cup; set aside. Press

remaining dough onto bottom and 1 inch up sides of ungreased 9-inch springform pan or 9-inch square baking pan.

Bake 20 minutes. Spread crust with fruit spread. Roll reserved dough into $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick ropes; arrange ropes in crisscross pattern over top.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Sprinkle with additional powdered sugar before serving.

Nutrition information:

$\frac{1}{2}$ of recipe

Calories 270, Total Fat 12g, Sodium 110mg, Total Carbohydrates 39g, Dietary Fiber 1g.

Pumpkin Silk Pie

Crust

- 1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup all-purpose flour
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter or margarine melted
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup firmly packed brown sugar

Filling

- Two 8-ounce packages light cream cheese, softened
- One 16-ounce can pumpkin (about $\frac{1}{2}$ cups)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground ginger

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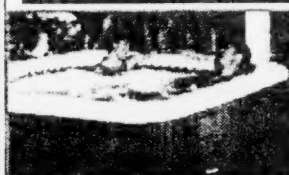
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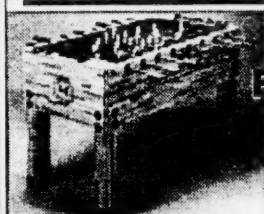
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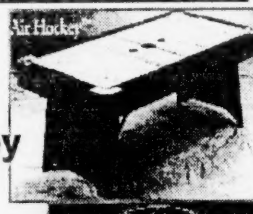


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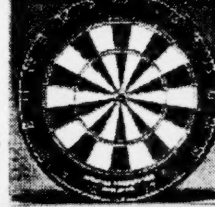


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For Hanukkah: Squash fritters from Venice

By the Associated Press

At Hanukkah, Italian Jews follow the tradition of serving fried foods, Joyce Goldstein says in her cookbook *Cucina Ebraica: Flavors of the Italian Jewish Kitchen* (Chronicle, \$29.95).

The tradition commemorates the ancient miracle of the lamp oil that burned for eight nights in the Temple of Jerusalem — which is why the holiday is also referred to as the Festival of Lights.

These Venetian Squash Fritters are a fine Hanukkah dessert, Ms. Goldstein suggests. She adds a few words about measurements: "It's hard to find a squash that will weigh exactly 1½ pounds. Just be sure the cubed squash is covered with milk, and then

add enough flour to make a mixture that is as thick as sour cream. You will need to adjust the sugar to taste, as squashes vary in sweetness. Butternut is usually sweeter than kabocha or pumpkin."

Squash Fritters from the Veneto (Frittelle di Zucca)

1 butternut squash or pumpkin, about 1½ pounds
2 cups milk, or as needed
1½ cups all-purpose flour, or as needed
2 teaspoons baking soda dissolved in 2 teaspoons water
2 eggs
Pinch of salt
½ cup granulated sugar, or to taste
Grated zest of 1 or 2 oranges

½ cup candied citron, cut into small dice
½ cup golden raisins
½ cup pinenuts, toasted
Peanut oil for deep-frying
Confectioners' sugar for topping

Halve the squash or pumpkin, scoop out and discard the seeds and fibers, peel and cut into ½-inch dice.

Place squash in a saucepan, add milk to cover, and place over medium heat. Bring to a simmer; cook until the squash breaks down into a smooth puree, about 30 minutes. Don't worry if the mixture looks curdled, it will smooth out.

Stir in the 1½ cups flour; continue to stir until the mixture is thick, about 5 minutes, adding more flour as needed to bind. Beat in the dissolved baking soda, and then the eggs, one at a time,

beating well after each addition. Add the salt, granulated sugar, orange zest, citron, raisins and pinenuts. Remove from the heat. Let stand for about 15 minutes until most of the moisture has been absorbed.

Pour oil to a depth of 3 inches in a deep frying pan or wok and heat to 375 degrees F. In batches, drop the batter by small (1-inch diameter) teaspoonfuls into the hot oil. (These should not be too large or the center will not cook.) Fry until golden, 3 to 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to paper towels to drain briefly. Keep warm until all the fritters are cooked.

Arrange the fritters on a platter and sift a heavy dusting of confectioners' sugar over the top. Eat while hot or very warm. Makes 6 servings.

Special holiday desserts are festive

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½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 cups thawed light frozen whipped topping
Light frozen whipped topping, thawed (optional)
Pecan halves (optional)

Heat oven to 375 F. Lightly spray 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine crust

ingredients; mix well. Press firmly onto bottom and sides of pie plate. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on wire rack.

In large bowl, beat cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, ginger and nutmeg on medium speed of electric mixer until smooth, about 1 to 2 minutes. By hand, gently fold in whipped topping. Spoon filling into cooled crust. Cover and chill 3 hours or overnight.

Cut pie into wedges. Top with whipped topping and pecans, if desired. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

Makes 10 servings

Nutritional information:

½ of recipe

Calories 390, Total Fat 20g, Sodium 370mg, Total Carbohydrates 47g, Dietary Fiber 3g.

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Orange honey chicken with matzo meets Hanukkah tradition

By the Associated Press

Orange-Honey Glazed Chicken with Matzo-Prune Stuffing is a festive dish that meets the traditions of Hanukkah meals, combining elements historically linked to Jewish cuisine such as prunes, honey and matzo. The chicken is baked in pieces, so it does not take as long to cook as a whole bird.

Orange-Honey Glazed Chicken with Matzo-Prune Stuffing

3 to 3 1/2-pound chicken, quartered
Salt and pepper
5 tablespoons orange juice concentrate, thawed
1 tablespoon honey
3 tablespoons margarine
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup sliced celery
1 medium carrot, shredded
1 1/2 cups pitted prunes, quartered
Four 6 1/2-inch matzo sheets, broken into 1/2-inch pieces
14-ounce can chicken broth
1 1/2 teaspoons ground allspice
1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Oil a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

Season chicken with salt and pepper; place pieces in pan spaced apart with skin sides down. Bake on

lower oven rack 30 minutes.

In small bowl, mix 3 tablespoons of the orange juice concentrate and the honey; set aside.

To make stuffing: In a 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt margarine. Mix in onion, celery and carrot. Cook 5 minutes. Mix in remaining 2 tablespoons concentrate and the remaining ingredients. Cook and mix about 2 minutes until some of the liquid is absorbed. Season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Oil a 1 1/2-quart baking dish or 4 individual baking dishes. (If using individual baking dishes, place in shallow baking pan.) Place stuffing in baking dish or dishes; cover tightly with aluminum foil.

Brush chicken with honey mixture; turn skin sides up and brush again. Continue to cook 30 to 40 minutes longer until juices run clear when pierced with the point of a knife, brushing once or twice with honey mixture. If needed, cover loosely with foil during last half of baking to prevent overbrowning. At the same time, bake stuffing on upper oven rack, allowing 30 minutes for single dish and 20 minutes for individual dishes. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional facts per serving: 1,143 cal., 97 g pro., 55 g fat, 906 mg sodium, 62 g carbo.

Recipe from: California Prune Board

Unexpected guests? Entertaining tips from the pros

By Barbara Albright
for AP Special Features

When the knock at the door says you've got unexpected guests, perhaps your first reaction is to pretend you're not home, or to tell the people to go away.

But, hang in there. Some of the most relaxed times you can have entertaining are those that are unplanned.

Still, even if you have a great time with your visitors, hunger will begin to set in. But what if everyone is much too comfortable to go out?

The following are some tips from food professionals on how to cope with unexpected guests.

Barbara Fairchild of Los Angeles, executive editor of *Bon Appetit* magazine, says, "I always have at least two bottles of champagne in the refrigerator because any occasion is more festive with sparkling wine. I also always have at least two kinds of olives because I like them."

"In addition, I have at least one block of cheese, Carrs' water crackers and a bag of baby carrots which can be arranged nicely. If the guests drop by after dinner, we always have really good coffee with after-dinner drinks and biscotti or some other type of good cookies."

"I will add, though, that if visitors drop by around breakfast time, they are out of luck!"

Mark Bittman of Woodbridge, Conn., food writer, most recently of *How to Cook Everything* (Macmillan, \$25),

reports, "There are literally dozens of things you can put together in not much more than the time it takes unexpected guests to hang up their coats."

"I find that the quickest and most reliable are dips and spreads. To make the most basic dip, perfect for chips or cut-up raw vegetables, just combine a cup of sour cream or yogurt with some minced vegetables — cucumber, red pepper and scallion, for example. Add salt, pepper and a little lemon juice or vinegar to taste."

"You can also make this dip more complex by adding herbs, mustard or horseradish. A quarter-cup or so of minced onion produces real onion dip. If you are lucky enough to have some smoked salmon or trout around, mince that and add it as well."

"Cream cheese spreads are similar to dips, but stiffer. You're more likely to use them on crackers than with chips or vegetables. Mash together equal parts of a strong cheese, Roquefort or another blue cheese, for example, and cream cheese. Thin the mixture to a spreadable consistency with sour cream or plain yogurt if necessary, then season to taste."

"In place of the blue cheese, you might try minced, roasted red peppers, chopped anchovies or some minced crab or shrimp."

"To make a fast bean dip for tortilla chips, place about 1 cup of canned beans of any color in the container of a food

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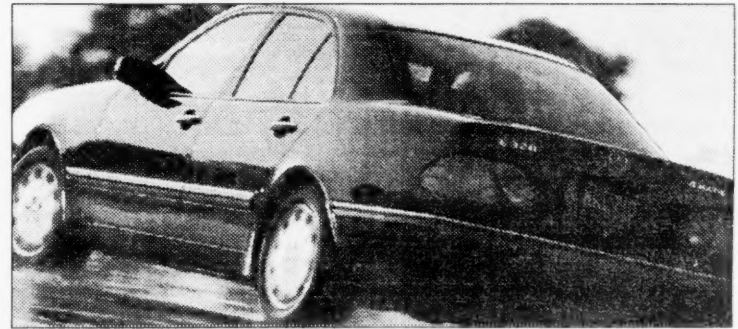
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Cookie Ornaments

½ pound (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
¼ teaspoon salt (optional)

In large bowl, beat together butter, sugar and vanilla until creamy. Add combined flour, oats, and salt; mix well. Divide dough in half. Shape each portion into a roll, about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in plastic wrap; chill at least 3 hours or overnight.

Heat oven to 350 F. Unwrap rolls and cut into ¼-inch slices. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Poke holes at top of each cookie with drinking straw before baking. (Repeat immediately after baking if hole closes.)

Bake 11 to 13 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets. Remove to wire rack; cool completely. Decorate as desired. Insert candy licorice string or narrow ribbon through hole of decorated cookie. Tie ends together.

Yield: About 3 ½ dozen

Nutrition information:

(1 undecorated cookie): Calories 90, Fat 5g, Sodium 50mg.

Decorating Ideas:

Holiday Gem Cookies: Decorate cooled cookies with purchased decorating icing and small holiday candies.

Glitter Cookies: Sprinkle cookie slices with colored sugar crystals before baking.

Sugar-Coated Ornaments: After shaping dough into rolls, coat with red or green sugar crystals, nonpareils or small holiday sprinkles before refrigerating. Slice; poke hole at top of



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cookies and bake as directed.

Christmas Trees: Tint each portion of dough with green food coloring. Shape roll into triangle by

flattening sides. Refrigerate and cut into slices as directed. Cut small squares for tree trunks from several slices and attach to trees on cookie sheet. Poke hole at top of trees and bake as directed. Attach small candies to cooled cookies with purchased decorating icing, if desired. Or, sprinkle cookies with green sugar crystals before baking.

Heavenly Angels: Cut each slice in half, forming half circles. Place half circles on cookie sheet so round edges touch. Make heads by rolling small portions of dough into balls; gently press between tops of wings. Poke holes at tops of each wing and bake as directed. Decorate as desired.

Peppermint Patties: Substitute ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract for vanilla. Tint each portion of dough pale pink with red food coloring. After shaping dough into rolls, coat with granulated sugar or red sugar crystals before refrigerating. Slice; poke hole at top of cookies and bake as directed.

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processor or blender. Add enough water, chicken stock, sour cream or yogurt to enable you to puree the mixture. To this puree, add about ¼ cup minced pepper and/or onion, a teaspoon of vinegar, and chili powder, salt, pepper and hot sauce, to taste."

Zanne Stewart of New York, executive food editor of *Gourmet* magazine, reports that drop-in guests

aren't really a problem for her. "I always cook big, which is probably a leftover from my catering days. I would always rather have much too much.

"Some people scorn leftovers, but to me, leftovers are like money in the bank. I almost always cook stews, soups or chilis, and usually these recipes are better the next day anyway."

Chuck Furuya of Honolulu, master sommelier and wine educator, says, "Remember, different cooking styles

require different kinds of wines and there are over 10,000 different grape varieties available. It is a combination of these two thoughts which could make matching wines and foods a seemingly endless adventure.

"For unexpected guests, I would have two different white wines or perhaps one white wine and one dry rose. And I would also have at least two red wines, a cabernet of some sort and a pinot noir, or a more rustic red like an Italian

Chianti or a southern French red.

"Then I serve a pair with different foods to see what works and what doesn't. Then I would do the other pair. It doesn't have to be serious or formal. It can be just for fun!

"Some of the foods I might play the wines against include homemade pizza, roasted vegetable dip, tapenade, meatloaf, sausages, roasted chicken and barbecued foods.

"Also, please make sure that the red wines are served slightly chilled, seven to eight minutes in the refrigerator."

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